

Codes & Standards Board Report – Winter 2022

John Hatfield, Chair

“Please note new Joint Commission regulations effective 7/1/22 are:

Environment of Care (EC) Chapter

EC.02.03.01

The hospital manages fire risks.

Element(s) of Performance for EC.02.03.01

9. The written fire response plan describes the specific roles of staff at and away from a fire's point of origin, including when and how to sound and report fire alarms, how to contain smoke and fire, how to use a fire extinguisher, how to assist and relocate patients, how to evacuate to areas of refuge, and how staff will cooperate with firefighting authorities. Staff are periodically instructed on and kept informed of their duties under the plan, including cooperation with firefighting authorities. A copy of the plan is readily available with the telephone operator or security.

Note: For full text, refer to NFPA 101-2012: 18/19.7.1; 7.2.2.

EC.02.06.05

The hospital manages its environment during demolition, renovation, or new construction to reduce risk to those in the organization.

Element(s) of Performance for EC.02.06.05

1. When planning for new, altered, or renovated space, the hospital uses one of the following design criteria:

- State rules and regulations
- Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals, 2018 edition, published by the Facility Guidelines Institute

When the above rules, regulations, and guidelines do not meet specific design needs, use other reputable standards and guidelines that provide equivalent design criteria.

Note: For hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed status purposes: The hospital complies with National Fire Protection Association requirements, including emergency generator location requirements as follows:

- Health Care Facilities Code (NFPA 99-2012 and Tentative Interim Amendments TIA 12-2, TIA 12-3, TIA 12-4, TIA 12-5, and TIA 12-6)
- Life Safety Code (NFPA 101-2012 and Tentative Interim Amendments TIA 12-1, TIA 12-2, TIA 12-3, and TIA 12-4)

NFPA 110-2010 when a new structure is built or when an existing structure or building”

(This announcement will be sent in the next FHEA Alert to the membership.)