

**DIVISION OF FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE INTERPRETATION 95-5**

**CODE REFERENCE:** NFPA 2001 (1994) -para. 2-1.1.2  
-para. 4-7.2.3  
-para. 4-7.2.2.1.2  
-para. 4-7.2.2.13

**BACKGROUND:** The above code paragraphs concern (in the same order):  
-reserve agent supply  
-door fan test  
-pneumatic test  
-nitrogen flow test

The need for reserve agent and the need for this office to witness the three tests listed is left to the discretion of the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

**INTERPRETATION:**

- a) For required systems only, a second complete connected set of reserve cylinders shall be provided, along with a manual transfer switch. If replacement or recharging is not available within 24 hours, a third complete unconnected set of reserve cylinders shall be provided. Documentation of replacement/recharge time must be provided at submittal. No reserve supply is required for non-required systems. See para. A-2-1.1.2.
- b) For required systems only, all three of the above tests must be done in the presence of an inspector from this office. For non-required systems, a certificate from the installing contractor will suffice.

Note: Required systems are only those required by NFPA and not BOCA. The 1993 BOCA does not recognize Clean Agent systems at all. Therefore, these systems cannot serve as BOCA required suppressions systems unless a formal exception has been granted.

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