# NFPA 70E
# Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace

## EEI Safety and Health Meeting

## October 2009

# NFPA Structure

- NFPA 70E Technical Committee reports to:
  - NEC Technical Correlating Committee reports to:
    - NFPA Standards Council
- Standards Council has final say.

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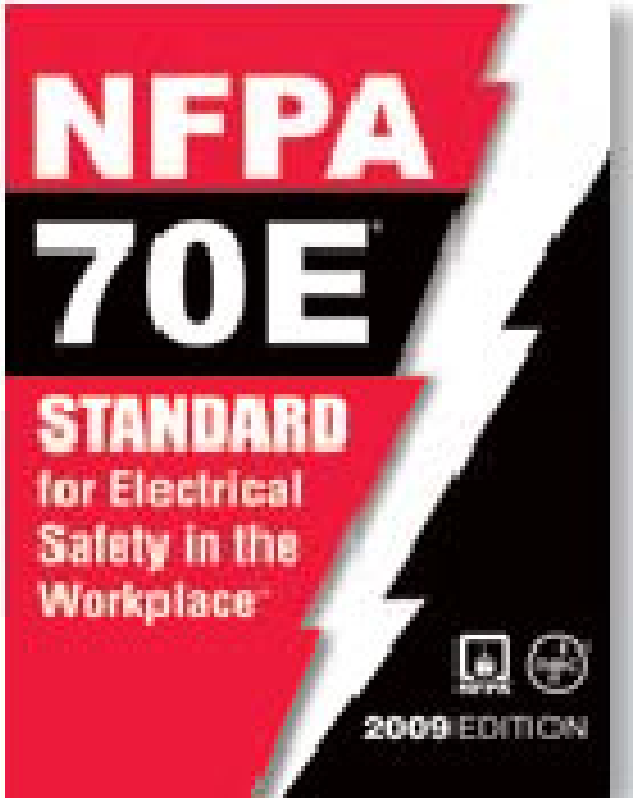
# 2009 NFPA 70E

- **2009 version available from NFPA.**



# Committee Scope and Standard Scope 2009

- **Committee Scope**
  - "This Committee shall have primary responsibility for documents on minimizing the risk of electricity as a source of electric shock and as a potential source of fires and explosions. It shall also be responsible for text to minimize the propagation of fire and explosions due to electrical installations."
- **Standard Scope**

  Standard Scope – 90.1(B) Not Covered:

  (3) railways……

  (4) communication utilities……

  (5) electric utilities……

# Scope Issues

- **Committee Scope revised to delete requirement that Standard Scope match NEC.**
- **Standard Scope will be revisited for 2012 Edition.**

# TCC Proposal on Scope

- **The 70E document scope was reviewed at the May, 2009 TCC meeting.**
- **The TCC developed draft Scope language. Will submit as a proposal in the next 70E revision cycle.**
- **Also provided to the NFPA Standards Council for information.**

# TCC Proposal on Scope

- **90.2 Scope.**
  - (A) Covered. This standard addresses electrical work practices for employees that are necessary to provide a practical safe workplace relative to the hazards associated with electrical energy during activities such as the installation, operation, maintenance, and demolition of electric conductors, electric equipment, signaling and communications conductors and equipment, and raceways. This standard also includes safe work practices for employees performing other work activities that can expose them to electrical hazards.
- **90.2(B) Not Covered:**
  - (5) Installations under the exclusive control of an electric utility where such installations:
  - a. Consist of service drops or service laterals, and associated metering, or
  - b. Are located in legally established easements or rights-of-way designated by or recognized by public service commissions, utility commissions, or other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction for such installations, or
  - c. Are on property owned or leased by the electric utility for the purpose of communications, metering, generation, control, transformation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy.

# Next Revision Cycle

- Cycle for 2012 Edition:
  - Proposals from public due 1/5/2010.
  - TC will meet to act on proposals Feb 2010.
  - Report on Proposals will be sent out for comment June 2010.
  - Comments due on Proposals 9/3/2010
  - TC will meet to act on Comments Oct-Nov 2010.
  - Notice of Intent to Make a Motion: 4/8/2011
  - Approval at Annual NFPA Meeting: 6/2011.

# Arc Flash Standards Overlap

- **2007 NESC Rule 410A3**
  - Applies to TD&G at utilities and similar industrial complexes.
  - “Implement arc flash protection” by 1/1/09.
  - Adopted by most (not all) utility commissions.
- **Proposed OSHA Revisions 1910.269 and 1926 Subpart V**
  - Similar language to NESC rule.
  - No date for being finalized.
- **NFPA 70E**
  - Does not apply to TD&G under exclusive control of electric utilities.
  - Provides “how” to do arc flash in generating plants.
  - Does not help with Transmission and Distribution implementation.
  - Being effectively enforced in non-utility industries through general duty clause.
  - Not incorporated by current OSHA regulations.

# Changes in 70E-2009

- New Section 130.3(C)
  - **(C) Equipment Labeling.** Equipment shall be field marked with a label containing the available incident energy or required level of PPE.

# More Changes

- **Chapter 4, Installations, Removed**
  - OSHA just revised Subpart S, Part 1. Did not need 70E Installation chapter.
  - 70E now just a work practice standard.

# Changes

- **130.3 Arc Flash Hazard Analysis.** An arc flash hazard analysis shall determine the Arc Flash Protection Boundary and the personal protective equipment that people within the Arc Flash Protection Boundary shall use. **The arc flash hazard analysis shall be updated when a major modification or renovation takes place. It shall be reviewed periodically, not to exceed five years,** to account for changes in the electrical distribution system that could affect the results of the arc flash hazard analysis.

# Changes

- **130.7 (C) Personal Protective Equipment.**
  - (1) General. When an employee is working within the Arc Flash Protection Boundary he or she shall wear protective clothing and other personal protective equipment in accordance with 130.3**. All parts of the body inside the Arc Flash Protection Boundary shall be protected**.

# 110.5 Relationships with Contractors

- **(A) Host Employer Responsibilities.**

  **(1) The host employer shall inform contract employers of:**

  - a. **Known hazards that are covered by this standard**, that are related to the contract employer's work, and that might not be recognized by the contract employer or its employees
  - b. **Information about the employer's installation** that the contract employer needs to make the assessments required by Chapter 1

  **(2)** The **host employer shall report** observed contract employer- related violations of this standard to the contract employer**.**

# Relationships with Contractors……

- **(B) Contract Employer Responsibilities.**
  - (1) The contract employer shall ensure that each of his or her employees is instructed in the hazards communicated to the contract employer by the host employer. This instruction is in addition to the basic training required by this standard.
  - (2) The contract employer shall ensure that each of his or her employees follows the work practices required by this standard and safety-related work rules required by the host employer.
  - (3) The contract employer shall advise the host employer of:
    - (1) Any unique hazards presented by the contract employer's work,
    - (2) Any unanticipated hazards found during the contract employer's work that the host employer did not mention, and
    - (3) The measures the contractor took to correct any violations reported by the host employer ….. and to prevent such violation from recurring in the future.

# Auditing

- **(H) Electrical Safety Auditing.** An electrical safety program shall be audited to help ensure that the principles and procedures of the electrical safety program are being followed. The **frequency of audit shall be <u>determined by the employer</u>**, based on the complexity of the procedures and the type of work being covered.

# Table 130.7(C ) (9) Changes

## Added tasks, changed ratings on tasks

Table 130.7(C)(9) *Continued*

| Tasks Performed on Energized Equipment | Hazard/Risk Category | Rubber Insulating Gloves | Insulated and Insulating Hand Tools |
|---|---|---|---|
| CB or fused switch operation with covers off | 1 | Y | N |
| Work on energized electrical conductors and circuit parts, including voltage testing | 2* | Y | Y |
| Work on energized electrical conductors and circuit parts of utilization equipment fed directly by a branch circuit of the panelboard or switchboard | 2* | Y | Y |
| **600 V Class Motor Control Centers (MCCs) — Note 2 (except as indicated)** | | | |
| Perform infrared thermography and other non-contact inspections outside the restricted approach boundary | 1 | N | N |
| CB or fused switch or starter operation with enclosure doors closed | 0 | N | N |
| Reading a panel meter while operating a meter switch | 0 | N | N |
| CB or fused switch or starter operation with enclosure doors open | 1 | N | N |
| Work on energized electrical conductors and circuit parts, including voltage testing | 2* | Y | Y |
| Work on control circuits with energized electrical conductors and circuit parts 120 V or below, exposed | 0 | Y | Y |
| Work on control circuits with energized electrical conductors and circuit parts >120 V, exposed | 2* | Y | Y |
| Insertion or removal of individual starter "buckets" from MCC — Note 3 | 4 | Y | N |
| Application of safety grounds, after voltage test | 2* | Y | N |
| Removal of bolted covers (to expose bare, energized electrical conductors and circuit parts) — Note 3 | 4 | N | N |
| Opening hinged covers (to expose bare, energized electrical conductors and circuit parts) — Note 3 | 1 | N | N |
| Work on energized electrical conductors and circuit parts of utilization equipment fed directly by a branch circuit of the motor control center | 2* | Y | Y |

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# Added Arc Resistant Switchgear to the Table

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| compartments | | | |
| **Arc-Resistant Switchgear Type 1 or 2 (for clearing times of <0.5 sec with a perspective fault current not to exceed the arc resistant rating of the equipment)** | | | |
| CB operation with enclosure door closed | 0 | N | N |
| Insertion or removal (racking) of CBs from cubicles, doors closed | 0 | N | N |
| Insertion or removal of CBs from cubicles with door open | 4 | N | N |
| Work on control circuits with energized electrical conductors and circuit parts 120 V or below, exposed | 2 | Y | Y |
| Insertion or removal (racking) of ground and test device with door closed | 0 | N | N |
| Insertion or removal (racking) of voltage transformers on or off the bus door closed | 0 | N | N |

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# Reformatted Table C(10) and C(11).

- Simplified.
- HRC 1 must be FR. Cotton only for HRC 0.
- Can't layer FR over cotton to get higher rating if you are a Table user.
- Added Hearing Protection to Category 0.

Table 130.7(C)(11) Protective Clothing Characteristics

| Hazard/Risk Category | Clothing Description | Required Minimum Arc Rating of PPE [J/cm$^2$(cal/cm$^2$)] |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | Nonmelting, flammable materials (i.e., untreated cotton, wool, rayon, or silk, or blends of these materials) with a fabric weight at least 4.5 oz/yd$^2$ | N/A |
| 1 | Arc-rated FR shirt and FR pants or FR coverall | 16.74 (4) |
| 2 | Arc-rated FR shirt and FR pants or FR coverall | 33.47 (8) |
| 3 | Arc-rated FR shirt and pants or FR coverall, and arc flash suit selected so that the system arc rating meets the required minimum | 104.6 (25) |
| 4 | Arc-rated FR shirt and pants or FR coverall, and arc flash suit selected so that the system arc rating meets the required minimum | 167.36 (40) |

Table 130.7(C)(10) Protective Clothing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

| Hazard/Risk Category | Protective Clothing and PPE |
|---|---|
| **Hazard/Risk Category 0** | |
| Protective Clothing, Nonmelting (according to ASTM F 1506-00) or Untreated Natural Fiber | Shirt (long sleeve)<br>Pants (long) |
| FR Protective Equipment | Safety glasses or safety goggles (SR)<br>Hearing protection (ear canal inserts)<br>Leather gloves (AN) (Note 2) |
| **Hazard/Risk Category 1** | |
| FR Clothing, Minimum Arc Rating of 4 (Note 1) | Arc-rated long-sleeve shirt (Note 3)<br>Arc-rated pants (Note 3)<br>Arc-rated coverall (Note 4)<br>Arc-rated face shield or arc flash suit hood (Note 7)<br>Arc-rated jacket, parka, or rainwear (AN) |
| FR Protective Equipment | Hard hat<br>Safety glasses or safety goggles (SR)<br>Hearing protection (ear canal inserts)<br>Leather gloves (Note 2)<br>Leather work shoes (AN) |
| **Hazard/Risk Category 2** | |
| FR Clothing, Minimum Arc Rating of 8 (Note 1) | Arc-rated long-sleeve shirt (Note 5)<br>Arc-rated pants (Note 5)<br>Arc-rated coverall (Note 6)<br>Arc-rated face shield or arc flash suit hood (Note 7)<br>Arc rated jacket, parka, or rainwear (AN) |
| FR Protective Equipment | Hard hat<br>Safety glasses or safety goggles (SR)<br>Hearing protection (ear canal inserts)<br>Leather gloves (Note 2)<br>Leather work shoes |
| **Hazard/Risk Category 2*** | |
| FR Clothing, Minimum Arc Rating of 8 (Note 1) | Arc-rated long-sleeve shirt (Note 5)<br>Arc-rated pants (Note 5) |

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# Training

- **CPR training …….** shall be certified by the employer annually.
- **Training Documentation.** The employer shall document that each employee has received the training …….. This documentation shall be made when the employee **demonstrates proficiency** in the work practices involved…….

# Annex D – New table listing calculation methods and limitations of each.

**Table D.1 Limitation of Calculation Methods**

| Section | Source | Limitations/Parameters |
|---|---|---|
| D.2, D.3, D.4 | Ralph Lee paper | Calculates Arc Flash Protection Boundary for arc in open air; conservative over 600 V and becomes more conservative as voltage increases |
| D.5 | Doughty/Neal paper | Calculates incident energy for 3-phase arc on systems rated 600 V and below; applies to short-circuit currents between 16 kA and 50 kA |
| D.6 | Ralph Lee paper | Calculates incident energy for 3-phase arc in open air on systems rated above 600 V; becomes more conservative as voltage increases |
| D.7 | IEEE Std. 1584 | Calculates incident energy and Arc Flash Protection Boundary for: 208 V to 15 kV; 3-phase; 50 Hz to 60 Hz; 700 A to 106,000 A short-circuit current; and 13 mm to 152 mm conductor gaps |
| D.8 | ANSI/IEEE C2 NESC-Section 410 Tables 410-1 and Table 410-2 | Calculates incident energy for open air phase-to-ground arcs 1 kV to 500 kV for live-line work |

# Next Steps for EEI Members

- **2010: Review proposals and submit comments.**