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Attn: Stacy Handley

Dear Ms. Handley:

This letter is in regards to your email regarding Section 19-3.6.4 of NFPA 99, *Health Care Facilities*-1996 edition. The intent of this section is to inspect and test the fire detection and fire suppression system within the hyperbaric chamber. This does not pertain to the fire detection or fire suppression system in the room housing the chamber. There was also a question regarding this section as being applicable to Class B chambers. There are no fire protection requirements for Class B or C chambers; therefore this section would only apply to Class A chambers.

The information provided above is my personal opinion as noted at the bottom of the page and is not an official position of the NFPA. I hope this has answered your question.

Sincerely,

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