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TO: Pipe Resource Organization

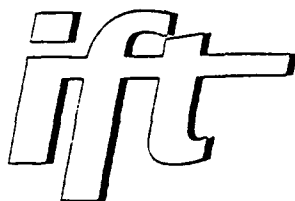
RE: ASTM E-5.11 Task Group--Revision of ASTM E-814

The attached letter sent to Al Reventas by Joe Zicherman, the consultant who monitors ICBO and IAPMO for the VI, is self-explanatory. Please advise Al Reventas directly if your company has a representative on ASTM E-5.11 task group who could participate in this activity.

By copy of this memo, I'm asking Al Reventas to advise PRO at its next meeting how we should proceed in this matter, i.e should PRO get involved in this and, if so, how.

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Dear Al:

I am a member of the ASTM E-5.11 Task Group which is revising the ASTM E-814 standard (fire testing through-penetration firestops). While I do not attend the meetings typically, I receive ballots and minutes from meetings, etc.

The most recent ballot for reformatting of the standard contains two provisions which could have substantial impact on acceptance of PVC and other plastic pipe and conduit products in fire resistive construction. These include provisions relating to testing specimen geometry and positive pressure application in test furnaces. I'm not sure whether your organization has representation on E-5.11, but should you desire IFT to participate in this activity and have funding available, contact me.

Given that E-814 is still a somewhat controversial test standard, this revision may be problematic for PVC intents.

I look forward to your comments.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph B. Zicherman, Ph.D.

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cc: Dr. Roy Gottesman

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