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ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION 93-01

CODE REFERENCE NFPA 101, SEC. 31-3.4.4, 1988, 1991 edition

BACKGROUND

Chapter 31 of the Life Safety Code requires the use of non-combustible trash containers in DAY CARE CENTERS. The logic behind this requirement is an attempt to contain a small fire within the receptacle. This logic is flawed in centers not protected by both sprinklers and smoke detectors. A fire in any trash container that is adjacent to combustibles is likely to extend past the confines of the trash container.

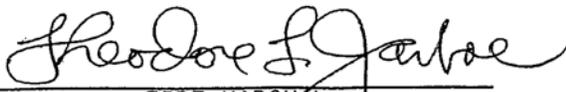
COMPENSATORY PROTECTION

For the purposes of enforcing the above referenced code sections, it will be considered an approved alternative to strict code compliance to use combustible trash containers in Day Care Centers if the center is protected throughout with an approved sprinkler system and a full area smoke detector system.

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FIRE MARSHAL