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Alternate Method Ruling No. 06-02
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VISUAL ALARMS

REQUESTED BY: Gene Durnin, Oregon AFAA

Background:

Oregon AFAA proposed an alternate method of installation for visible alarms. Currently, visible alarms are installed in accordance with 1109.14 of the OSSC which is prescriptive and does not allow performance based design installations. The proposed alternate method mirrors visible alarm installation requirements found in the 2004 ADAAG standard that has not yet been formally adopted by the DOJ.

The following requirements have been reviewed and approved by the Building Codes Structures Board and the Building Codes Division Administrator.

APPLICABLE CODES:

2004 OREGON STRUCTURAL SPECIALTY CODE, 2004 ADAAG

DIVISION RULING:

Visual alarms may be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 72 (2002 Ed.) Section 7.5.