



Collier County Fire Prevention and Protection Code POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL



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EFFECTIVE DATE: 9-30-2012

SUBJECT: UL Listings

OBJECTIVE: Clarify the version of a UL listing required to be installed

BACKGROUND:

Recently it has been suggested that the latest version of a UL assembly be installed irrespective of when the plans were reviewed and approved. It was suggested that the UL assemblies were updated every 6 months and that we should require the latest version of the assembly be installed in all cases. After speaking with Rich Walke, an engineer with UL, it was determined that there is not a regular cycle to update an approved UL assembly. In fact he noted several assemblies that are more than 10 years old and are still valid. Rich stated that there are generally 3 conditions that could require an update or removal of an approval of a UL assembly; first – a manufacturer requests that their component be removed from the listing or a component of the assembly is no longer available, second – UL removes a component from the listing due to a follow-up inspection of the manufacturing process or, third – another manufacturer requests that their product be evaluated and added as an option in the existing assembly. Rich did indicate that it would be preferable to use the latest version of a UL assembly whenever possible as it supersedes the previous version; however, he noted that by far the most common reason for updating an assembly is to include additional options within the assembly and that compliance with the older version would likely still comply with the newer version.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

The Fire Code Office will require the latest version of the UL assembly (based on date of permit application) be attached to the plans submitted for review. This version shall be allowed to be installed by the contractor unless, compliance with that version is NOT possible or the newer version eliminates a component utilized in the constructed assembly (component removed by UL.) This must be identified prior to the field construction of the assembly.

CODE REFERENCES:

2010 FFPC, NFPA 1:10.1.7

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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