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FBC 8TH EDITION (2023) FORMAL INTERPRETATION (#13)

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DATE: October 12, 2023
TO: All Building Officials
FROM: Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director 
SUBJECT: Smoke Control System testing in existing buildings undergoing Level 2 alterations

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 2023, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals approved an interpretation of the following FBC 8th Edition (2023) sections:

- FBC Existing Buildings SECTION 503 ALTERATIONS, 503.1 General
- FBC Existing Buildings 801.2 Alteration Level 1 Compliance
- FBC Existing Buildings 701.2 Conformance
- FMC 513.3 Special inspection and test requirements
- FMC 513.18 Acceptance testing
- FMC 513.19 System Acceptance
- FBC 909.3 Special inspection and test requirements

Formal Interpretation:

In existing buildings undergoing Level 2 alterations, including tenant improvements, the Engineer of Record shall state if testing of the existing Smoke Control System is required and the type of test to be performed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 2017
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2023

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