



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

Public Safety Services



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STATE FIRE MARSHAL

July 20, 1999

Mr. Steve Mehigan
Director of Sales
Flexhead Industries
20 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Re: FlexHead Commercial Ceiling Sprinkler

Dear Mr. Mehigan

I am in receipt of your letter of July 7, 1999, describing your FlexHead Commercial Ceiling Sprinkler product line. I have had the opportunity to shore your product literature with my sprinkler staff, upon return to the office from NASFM a few weeks ago.

Please understand that pursuant to NFPA 13:2-1.1, all materials and devices essential to successful system operation shall be listed. Listed is defined at section 1-4.1 as a list published by an organization acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products... and whose listing states that the equipment...meets the identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose. You have indicated that Factory Mutual Research Corporation has performed extensive testing on this flexible armover piping system. You have also indicated that after fourteen months of rigorous testing at FM, FlexHead Industries has received full FM approval for this flexible center-of-tile commercial sprinkler system, installed in light, medium, and heavy load suspended ceilings.

Please be advised that based on the information submitted above, this office has made the determination that the FlexHead flexible armover system appears to comply with the requirements of the code, is acceptable provided that the system is designed and installed in accordance with its testing criteria. As with other sprinkler system packages, all forthcoming submittals shall be complete, including applicable hydraulic calculations (supporting the FlexHead pipe and associated FM/UL listed sprinkler), and supportive Flexhead literature.

As requested by Jean Carter, Architect Supervisor and head of our sprinkler staff, we are requesting a sample of the FlexHead pipe system, complete with 2' flexible hose, suspended ceiling brackets and coupling hardware. Please forward this assembly sample to Jean, at our above address.


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We commend your company for its dedication to providing improved technology to the fire protection systems in our built environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V.J. Bella". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "V" and a distinct "Bella".

V.J. Bella,
Fire Marshal

VJB/JCC/jcc

Cc Jean Cater
 Jerry Jones
 Plan Review
 Pat Slaughter
 Pat Day