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Flexhead Industries, Inc.
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Attn: Mr. Mike Dooley

Re: USC LAC Medical Center
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Dooley,

I am writing in reference to your question concerning USG's Warranties and Limitations for USG Donn Brand Suspension Systems. You specifically asked if the warranty would be voided if a Flexhead flexible sprinkler system was connected to a USG Donn Brand Suspension System. As you can see in the attached Warranties and Limitations warranty piece, USG offers a 30-year warranty against manufacturing defects and the occurrence of 50% red rust. This is not an installation warranty.

Installation practices are governed by national standards and codes, such as ASTM C636 and the UBC. These standards and codes do not preclude the attachment of fixtures, be they lighting, air diffuser or other systems, by mechanical fasteners. It is a common practice (required by the National Electrical Code, among others) to mechanically attach lighting fixtures to the web or bulb sections of suspension system main tees. Presuming that the Flexhead system does not exceed the listed carrying capacity of a USG Intermediate Duty or Heavy Duty main tee, the attachment of a Flexhead system to a USG main tee will not affect the Warranties and Limitations for the ceilings at the USC LAC Medical Center.

I trust this is the information you require and thank you for your continued interest in USG products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew J. Cronin".

Matthew J. Cronin
Architectural Services Support Manager

cc: Charles McDonald