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**TO: Subscribers to UL's Listing Service for Residential Automatic Sprinklers (VKKW)**

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PROPOSED CHANGE OF EFFECTIVE DATE for Issue No. #3 of the Outline of Investigation for Fire Testing of Residential Sprinklers for Use With Smooth, Flat, Sloped Ceilings Having Pitches Not Exceeding 8/12, Subject 1626A**

**SUMMARY OF TOPICS**

**UL announces the extension of the effective date for Subject 1626A from November 22, 2010 to May 22, 2013.**

**RATIONALE FOR EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE**

As indicated in our Bulletin dated July 15, 2010, the Fire Protection Research Foundation (FPRF) is nearing completion of a research project that is expected to form the foundation for proposed revisions to the Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes, NFPA 13D to include new design sprinkler system criteria for a broad range of ceiling configurations, including sloped and beamed ceilings. Currently, NFPA 13D indicates that the AHJ needs to establish the sprinkler system design criteria when the ceiling geometry falls outside the scope of the listing, which is a large percentage of field installations.

The revision cycle for the next edition of NFPA 13D is scheduled to begin later this year. Considering the possibility of potential appeals, the text of the new edition of NFPA 13D may not be finalized until August or September 2012. The extension of the effective date for Subject 1626A is intended to provide sufficient time for UL to consider the impact of any revisions to NFPA 13D on the content and implementation of the requirements in this Outline of Investigation. In response to the July 15, 2010 Bulletin, no comments were received objecting to the proposed effective date extension.

Revisions to UL Follow-Up Procedures, including deletion of models and specific constructions on the previous Effective Date, resulting from Applicant requests or prior investigation of products by UL will remain in place unless an Applicant specifically requests that UL reverse such revisions. Applicants interested in retaining such models or constructions until the new Effective Date should contact UL's Customer Service Department immediately.

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