



SUBJECT 1981

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TO: UL's Classification Service for Central Station Automation System Software (DAXW)
UL's Certificate Service for Central Stations (CPVX)
UL's Certificate Service for Central Station Protective Signaling Services (UUFX)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CENTRAL STATION AUTOMATION SYSTEMS

For Certificate Service subscribers for Central Stations, this Bulletin is pertinent only for those that operate a monitoring facility.

An industry review notice dated June 30, 2003 was distributed regarding the new and revised requirements in UL 1981, effective June 30, 2005.

Subsequently the effective date for the applicable revisions in UL1981 2nd Edition was changed from June 30, 2005 to December 31, 2007. The notice also referenced that UL was considering moving requirements that pertain to the Central-Station Alarm Services from UL 1981, Standard for Central-Station Automation Systems to UL 827, Standard for Central-Station Alarm Services.

After review of both standards, it is noted that both the UL1981 and UL827 Standards are in need of revisions with respect to automation systems used today. There are also significant overlap of requirements that pertain to the establishment and maintenance of Central Station facility automation systems between both Standards. It is not typical for UL to include different requirements in a reference Standard to the base-certification Standard, as is the case between UL1981 and UL827. In light of the need to update the Standards and the overlap of requirements, UL will establish task groups for both the UL 827 and UL 1981 Standards for the purpose of moving the Central Station facility requirements from UL1981 to UL827 and to propose new requirements to both Standards to make them current to today's technology.

The Central Station requirements contained in UL 1981 will be brought forward as proposals to UL 827. All Central Station requirements will be removed from UL 1981 in the new Standard revision cycle.

For the applicable revisions (see the following table) to UL 1981 that pertain only to the software requirements, UL is proposing to extend the effective date to December 31, 2011. For the requirements in UL1981 that pertain to Central Station facility automation systems, UL is suspending the requirements pending the upcoming review and revisions to both Standards.

Table with 2 columns: Future Effective Date, References. Row 1: December 31, 2011; Software requirements in clauses 3.2, 4.3, 13.2, 13.5, 13.6, 17.3, 20.8, 20.12, 20.16, 21.2, 22.1 and 24.3. Row 2: Suspend; Central station requirements in clauses 3.2, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 8.2, 12.1, 13.1, 13.2, 13.5, 13.6, 16.3, 16.4, 17.3, 17.6, 17.7, 17.8, 20.8 and 21.2.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Please provide your comments on the proposed extension of the effective date. Written comments should be sent by regular mail, or e-mail to the attention of Daniel J. Kaiser at UL's Northbrook Office. Please reference all correspondence to Subject 1981. If you respond by e-mail, please include your full name, title, company address, email address and phone number to ensure a reply. Please note that comments may be made public.

All comments should be sent to arrive by January 19, 2008. Unless specifically requested to do so, UL will not acknowledge comments indicating concurrence with this proposal.

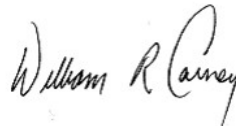
Thank you in advance for your communication on this topic.

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