

1. GENERAL

1.1 INTENT OF SPECIFICATIONS

- A. This specification details the requirements for an engineered clean agent / waterless fire suppression system Model Kidde ECS-500 using Fluoro-K Fire Suppression Agent. These requirements, combined with good engineering practices must be followed in order to produce a safe and effective fire protection and suppression system.
- B. All system components shall be manufactured and/or supplied by Kidde Fire Systems, 400 Main Street, Ashland, MA 01721, USA; Phone (508) 881-2000; URL: [http:// www.kiddefiresystems.com](http://www.kiddefiresystems.com)
- C. All agent, materials and equipment shall be new and unused. Recycled or reclaimed products shall not be acceptable

1.2 System Description

- A. The clean agent suppression system shall be a total flooding type Kidde ECS-500 using Fluoro-K Fire Suppression Agent.
- B. The system hardware shall consist of Fluoro-K Agent in Cylinder(s) super-pressurized with Nitrogen to 500 psig at 70F (34.5 bar at 21C) and discharged into the affected area using discharge nozzle(s) attached to a pipe network.
- C. The suppression system shall comply with the NFPA 2001 (latest edition), UL 2166 and FM5600 requirements to supervise the placement of electrical solenoid heads on cylinder valves and selector/directional valves. Removal of the electrical actuator shall generate a supervisory condition with appropriate audio and visual indication on the fire alarm-suppression control unit. Systems that do neither supervise for placement of solenoids nor feature tamper proof hardware that prevent the removal of the system solenoids are not UL listed and FM approved and are not acceptable.

1.3 CODES AND COMPLIANCE

- A. The design, installation, testing and maintenance of the clean agent fire suppression system shall be in accordance with the following applicable codes, standards and regulatory bodies:
 1. NFPA 2001: Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems
 2. NFPA 70: National Electrical Code (NEC)
 3. NFPA 72: National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code
 4. NFPA 75: Protection of Electronic Computer/Data Process Equipment
 5. NFPA 76: Fire Protection for Telecommunications Systems
 6. UL 2166: Halocarbon Clean Agent Extinguishing System Units
 7. FM5600: Approval Standard for Clean Agent Extinguishing System
 8. ANSI B1.20.1: Standard for Pipe Threads, General Purpose
 9. Requirements of the Local Authority Having Jurisdiction
 10. Manufacturer's Design, Installation, Operation & Maintenance Manual
- B. The complete system shall have the applicable following listings and approvals:
 1. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL)
 2. Factory Mutual Global (FM)

1.4 QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Manufacturer
 1. The manufacturer/supplier of the system hardware and components shall have a minimum of fifteen (15) years' experience in the design and manufacture of systems of similar type.
 2. The manufacturer/supplier of the systems shall be certified to ISO 9001 for at least five (5) years for the design, production and distribution of fire detection, alarm and suppression systems.
 3. The manufacturer / supplier's name and part number shall appear on all major components.
 4. All equipment shall be provided by the same manufacturer / supplier.
- B. Contractor
 1. The system shall be supplied and installed by a factory authorized, Kidde Fire Systems distributor. The Contractor shall be trained by the manufacturer to calculate/design, install, test and maintain the system and shall be able to produce a certificate stating such on request.
 2. The Contractor shall employ a person who can show proficiency at least equal to a NICET levels III or IV certification in special hazards design.

3. The Contractor shall confirm in writing that they stock a full complement of spare parts and offer 24-hour emergency service for all equipment being furnished.
4. The Contractor shall maintain or have access to a recharging station capable of recharging the suppression system within 48hrs after discharge

1.5 WARRANTY

- A. The manufacturer shall warrant the system equipment for 36-months from the date of shipment from the factory
- B. The contractor shall warrant the installation for 12-months from time of customer acceptance or commissioning

1.6 SUBMITTALS

- A. The architect will review all submittals for conformance to the drawings and specifications. The Contractor shall be required to resubmit any materials, with appropriate modifications, that are found to be in non-conformance with the requirements of the drawings and these specifications after review by the architect. Approval of the submittals by the architect shall not relieve the Contractor of their responsibility to meet the drawings and specifications' requirements.
- B. The contractor shall submit the manufacturers' product technical data and catalog cut sheets for each component or device used in the system.
- C. Engineered Design Drawings: The Contractor's NICET-III or IV certified designer shall design the system and provide documents that shall include but are not limited to the following details:
 1. Plan, elevation and isometric drawings showing the location, installation and mounting details of the agent cylinders, valves, nozzles and other accessories.
 2. Design calculations for enclosure volume, agent quantity based on required design concentration for each hazard area.
 3. Dimensions, weights and loads of equipment assemblies, components, method of field assembly, clearance requirements, mounting and bracing practices, etc.
 4. Flow Calculation Reports showing the following:
 - i. Customer information and project data
 - ii. Hazard information shall include the minimum design concentration and adjusted design concentration, minimum and maximum enclosure ambient temperature, minimum agent required, volume of enclosures and any corresponding non-permeable volume and pressure venting area.
 - iii. Cylinder information shall include total agent required, cylinder capacity, cylinder part number, cylinder quantities (both main and reserve), agent fill amount per cylinder and floor loading per cylinder.
 - iv. Pipe network information shall include pipe type, pipe diameter, pipe length, change in elevation, pipe equivalent length and the equivalent length of any added accessory.
 - v. Nozzle information shall include the number of nozzles, flow rate per nozzle, nozzle nominal pipe size, and nozzle type and nozzle orifice area.
 - vi. Pipe fittings information shall include a detailed list by nominal diameter and quantity.
 - vii. Pressure venting area required, calculated on the basis of enclosure strength as per NFPA-2001 requirements.
 - viii. **OPTIONAL** Due to multiple hazards being protected by a common bank of cylinders, calculations showing the above details shall be completed for every hazard connected to that common bank. The individual hazard piping shall be separated by directional valves and shall be modeled with the valve 'open' for the given hazard but 'closed' for the others. The equivalent length of the directional valve must be included in the calculations.
 5. Any other requirements of NFPA-2001 latest edition.
 6. Conduit routings shall be shown, with number of conductors, type of wire, and wire sizes indicated for each conduit segment.
 7. Point-to-point wiring diagram showing the termination points for all field-wiring circuits to the Fire Alarm Control Unit (FACU).
- D. Commissioning Equipment List: The Contractor shall provide a commissioning equipment list for each installed system. The equipment list shall identify all installed equipment and configurations.
- E. Test Plan: The Contractor shall submit a test plan that describes how the system equipment and room integrity shall be tested. This shall include a step-by-step description of all tests and shall

indicate the type and location of test apparatus to be used. At a minimum, the tests to be conducted shall be per NFPA 2001 and any additional supplemental tests required by the AHJ. Tests shall not be scheduled nor conducted until the engineer of record or end users' representative approves the test plan.

- F. The Contractor shall submit the following Installation drawings
 - 1. Four (4) sets of installation drawings for each installed clean agent fire extinguishing system and one (1) set of the calculation report (if not included in the drawings themselves), owner's manual and product data sheets shall be submitted to the end-user/owner.
 - 2. Upon completion of installation and commissioning acceptance, two (2) sets of "As-Built" installation drawings and One (1) set of the calculation report for each installed system shall be submitted to the owner/end-user.
- G. The Contractor shall submit the following Manuals after complete installation
 - 1. Two (2) copies of the ECS-500 Fluoro-K Design, Installation, Operation and Maintenance Manual.

2. PRODUCT/SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

2.1 System Exclusions

Room sealing requirements shall be communicated and coordinated between the suppression system contractor and the project's main General Contractor and all sub-contractors.

2.2 Agent Concentration Requirements

- A. The system shall be designed to suppress Class A / B / C (select option) fires.
- B. The agent design concentration achieved shall be as per NFPA 2001 latest edition.
- C. In no case shall the design concentrations exceed the Lowest Observed Adverse Effects Level (LOAEL) for the agent as published in NFPA 2001

2.3 System Performance

- A. System Discharge
 - 1. The discharge time required to achieve 95% of the minimum design concentration for flame extinguishment shall not exceed 10 seconds.
- B. Duration of Protection
 - 1. 85% of the minimum design concentration shall be maintained for 10-minutes or a sufficiently longer period of time to allow effective emergency action by trained personnel.
- C. Nozzle performance
 - 1. Both 180-degree and 360-degree nozzles shall be listed to be mounted at heights up to 16 feet (4.88 m) from the floor.
 - 2. Both 180-degree and 360-degree nozzles shall be listed to cover an area of 35.6 ft x 35.6 ft (10.9 m x 10.9 m).
 - 3. Nozzles (180° or 360°) shall be suitable for upright or pendent mounting.

2.4 Cylinder Locations:

- A. The agent cylinders shall be suitable for being located up to 130 ft of equivalent length from the top of the riser to the first tee in the protected area.
- B. The system shall deliver 95% of its contents within 10 seconds of the start of the discharge.
- C. The flow calculation report submitted shall verify this performance requirement.
- D. The inability to meet the design requirements and selected cylinder locations by any system will be considered as not meeting the intent of the specification.

2.5 Cylinder Assemblies

- A. The Fluoro-K agent shall be stored in cylinders manufactured and marked in accordance with US Department of Transportation (DOT) specification 4BW-500 and Transport Canada (TC) specification 4BW-M34. The agent cylinders shall be conditioned to 500 PSIG @ 70°F (34.5 bar gauge @ 21°C).
- B. The system manufacturer shall provide US DOT documentation proving that the registration number marked on the agent cylinders corresponds to a USA based manufacturing location.
- C. The Fluoro-K agent cylinders shall comply with the following:
 - 1. Cylinders of capacity 100 lbs. and above (125 to 1100 lb.) shall be equipped with a permanent integral liquid level indicator (LLI) to enable the owners representative measure the weight of

agent in each individual cylinder without having to physically move or lift the cylinders. Systems without integral LLIs shall not be considered as equal.

2. The cylinders shall have a pressure gauge to indicate the actual container pressure
3. The cylinders shall have a low-pressure switch to electrically signal a supervisory condition if the cylinder pressure drop below 425 psi

2.6 Fire Suppression Agent

- A. The Fire Suppression Agent used shall be Kidde Fluoro-K™
- B. The Fluoro-K agent shall have a Class A Minimum Design Concentration of 4.5%, Class B Minimum Design Concentration of 5.85% and Class C Minimum Design Concentration of 4.52%
- C. The Fire Suppression OEM shall provide documentary evidence including actual test results proving the purity of the agent as per NFPA 2001 latest edition. Agents without such evidence shall not be accepted
- D. The Fire Suppression OEM shall provide documents evidencing the combined listing by UL of the Agent, Cylinder-Valve Assembly and associated delivery system hardware. Products without such evidence shall not be accepted
- E. The cylinders shall be filled with the Fluoro-K agent at a UL-listed and FM approved First Fill facility
- F. The cylinders shall be refilled exclusively with Fluoro-K in case of discharge and no alternate agent shall be used.
- G. In order to ensure that the replacement agent used in case of a discharge matches the agent originally filled, the vendor shall guarantee in writing the commitment to use the same agent for refill.
- H. At the time of refilling, the vendor shall provide documents evidencing the use of the same agent originally filled for the initial installation.

2.7 Pipe and Fittings

- A. Distribution piping, and fittings, shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 2001, approved piping standards and the engineered fire suppression system manufacturer's requirements.

2.8 ACTUATION HARDWARE

- A. The primary agent cylinders shall be electrically actuated, and the secondary cylinders can be pressure actuated.
- B. While in the stand-by condition, actuators attached to the cylinder valve shall not be exposed to the cylinder's internal pressure so as to avoid introducing additional leak paths or accidental discharges.
- C. Solenoid actuators shall not require replacement after each actuation.
- D. Solenoid actuators shall be supervised for placement. Removal of any electrical actuator shall generate a supervisory condition with appropriate audio and visual indication on the fire alarm control unit. Systems that neither supervise for placement of solenoids nor feature tamper proof hardware that prevent the removal of the system solenoids are not UL listed and FM approved and are not acceptable.
- E. The Fire Alarm-Suppression Control Unit (FACU) shall be UL Listed and FM Approved compatible with the electric actuators.

2.9 Nozzles

- A. System nozzles shall be made of brass / stainless steel (select option).
- B. Nozzles shall be spaced in the protected area to achieve uniform distribution of the agent.
- C. Nozzles shall have 180-degree and 360-degree discharge patterns.
- D. The manufacturers' nozzles shall be designed for efficient agent dispersion.
- E. Nozzles shall be UL Listed and FM Approved for use with the agent and the manufacturer's hardware.

2.10 **OPTIONAL** Multi Hazard System:

- A. All protected areas shall be protected by a common bank of cylinders.
- B. Protected areas shall be separated by directional valves specifically listed for the purpose.
- C. Directional valves shall be electrically actuated
- D. Electrical solenoids on directional valves shall be supervised for placement or of non-removable tamper-proof design.

2.11 CONDUCTORS AND CONDUITS

- A. All conductors shall be enclosed in rigid or thin-walled, steel conduit unless open wiring is permitted by the local electrical code.
- B. Any conduit or raceway exposed to dampness or other similar conditions shall be properly sealed and installed to prevent moisture entrapment. Provisions for draining and drying shall be employed as required.
- C. All wiring shall be of the proper size to conduct the circuit current but shall not be smaller than #18 AWG unless permitted by the local electrical code. Wire that has scrapes, nicks, gouges, or crushed insulation shall not be used. The manufacturer's minimum wire-bending radii shall be observed in all enclosures, raceways, and conduits. Aluminum wire shall not be used.

3. EXECUTION

3.1 CLEAN AGENT FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM INSTALLATION

- A. The system shall be supplied and installed by a factory-authorized, Kidde Fire Systems Distributor. The Distributor shall be trained and certified by Kidde Fire Systems to design, install and maintain the Kidde fire suppression system. The distributor shall install the system in accordance with the manufacturer's design, installation, operation and maintenance manual.

3.2 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM INSTALLATION

- A. All electrical enclosures, raceways, and conduits shall be provided and installed in accordance with applicable codes and intended use and shall contain only those electrical circuits associated with the fire-detection and control system. No circuit or circuits that are unrelated to the fire alarm or suppression system shall be routed through the enclosures, raceways, and conduits dedicated to the fire alarm or suppression system.
- B. Splicing of circuits shall be kept to a minimum and is only permitted in an electrical box suitable for the purpose. Appropriate hardware shall be used to make the wire splices. Wires that are spliced together shall have the same color insulation.
- C. White colored wire shall be used exclusively for the identification of the neutral conductor of an alternating-current circuit. Green colored wire shall be used exclusively for the identification of the earth-ground conductor of an AC or DC circuit. Appropriate color-coding shall be utilized for all other field wiring.
- D. All electrical circuits shall be numerically tagged with suitable markings at each terminal point. All circuits shall correspond with the installation draw.

3.3 BLOWER DOOR FAN TEST

- A. As required by NFPA 2001 section 5.6, a blower door fan test shall be performed. A minimum concentration of 85% of the design concentration shall be held at the highest level of combustibles for a minimum period of 10 minutes or for a period sufficient to allow for response by trained personnel.

3.4 SYSTEM CHECKOUT

- A. The entire system shall be checked out, inspected, and functionally tested by factory authorized and trained personnel.
- B. Inspection shall be performed in the presence of the owners' representative, engineer or architects' representative, insurance authority, and/or the local AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction)
- C. Prior to final acceptance, the contractor shall provide operational and safety training in all aspects of the system to the owners' key personnel. Release of clean agent shall not be part of the training requirements

3.5 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

- A. Routine maintenance on equipment shall be performed by a certified Kidde Fire System Distributor, in accordance with the most current version of NFPA 2001 and the manufacturer's installation, operation and maintenance manual.

