



Firestop Contractors International Association

To: FCIA Contractor Members

From: FCIA Accreditation Committee

Date: June 28, 2022

Re: FM 4991, Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors

FCIA SPECIAL ALERT

The FCIA's Accreditation Committee collaborated with FM Approvals to build the FM 4991 Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors Program. FCIA Accreditation Committee leadership meets regularly with FM's leaders, and the two groups have a strong relationship.

FCIA is glad to see specifications growing and holding more often, worldwide, with fire and life safety protection benefitting from the FCIA and FM 4991 specs, the call for FM 4991 Approved contractors, and more.

As you know, there have been changes within the FM 4991 Approved Program recently. Below is a summary of the changes, along with FCIA's actions to keep the FM 4991 Approved Program strong:

1. **Change - FM Approvals has had personnel changes with those involved in the FM 4991 Approved Program.**
Action – FCIA has met with each new person involved with the FM 4991 Approved Program to keep the relationship strong.
 - a. Jeff Gould, the original author with FCIA in 1999-2000, retired in late 2019.
 - b. Jeff was replaced by Jill Norcott, who moved on to FM Global after about 6 months managing the FM 4991 Approved Program.
 - c. Joseph Nunes (Joseph.Nunes@fmaprovals.com) and Victoria Cataldo (Victoria.Cataldo@fmaprovals.com) are now the main contractor contacts at FM Approvals.
 - d. Dan Boardman (daniel.boardman@fmaprovals.com), Rich Ferron (richard.ferron@fmaprovals.com), and Phil Smith (phillip.smith@fmaprovals.com) are involved as upper management.
2. **Change - NEW FM 4991 Approved Program and fee changes started happening late 2021.**
Action – FCIA has been seeking clarifications and, if applicable, reductions.

FM Approvals has confirmed the following to FCIA about NEW Program changes:

- a. NEW \$720 LU/CEU review and DRI renewal fee.
- b. NEW FM review process for LU/CEU acceptability from various sources.

c. NEW Audit fees for Contractor Branches

3. **Action – FCIA’s Accreditation Committee continues to meet with FM Approvals**, furthering the positive partnership between FM Approvals and FCIA. Leadership from the two organizations met via GoToMeeting during COVID 2020/2021, and, most recently, met in-person in Boston, MA in March ’22 after FM reopened.

FCIA’s Scott Rankin, Tyler Ferguson, and Gus Mancini have travelled to Boston to meet with, and continue to meet with, FM 4991 Approved Program personnel Joe, Victoria, Daniel, Rich, and Phil. Other FCIA Accreditation Committee members have been on teleconferences, including Ben Urcavich, Gus Mancini, and more.

Please know that the FCIA Board and Accreditation Committee leaders are working on these new developments within the FM 4991 Approved Program, as is the FM Approvals Team. We are also working with FM Approvals to understand the details of future changes so they can be communicated in a timely manner.

Thank you for being an FCIA Member, and we look forward to seeing you in Amelia Island, FL, for FCIA’s Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show!

The FCIA Accreditation Committee

Ben Urcavich (Chair), Tyler Ferguson (Co-Vice Chair), Tracy Smith (Co-Vice Chair), Gus Mancini, Darren Pollock, Scott Rankin, John Sharpe, Andrew Tomlinson