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TO: Airport Operators, FAA Airport Certification Safety Inspectors
TOPIC: Interpretation of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 407 Standard for Aircraft Fuel Servicing paragraph 4.3.6.7

BACKGROUND:
Several Airport Certification Safety Inspector’s have inquired into the interpretation of the following paragraph from NFPA 407 Standard for Aircraft Fuel Servicing paragraph.

4.3.6.7 All engines on fuel servicing vehicles shall be provided with flame and spark arresting exhaust systems.

ACTION:

1. Paragraph 4.3.6.7 is in reference to gasoline powered engines and not intended to apply to diesel powered fuel servicing equipment. The exception to this may be if the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) has adopted a different standard or an earlier standard of NFPA where this paragraph or reference does not exist.

2. This response does not constitute a formal interpretation, as this would have to be provided by the NFPA 407 Technical Committee.

3. If further information becomes available concerning this matter; it will be disseminated accordingly.

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