



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire Sprinkler Maintenance		
Code Section(s)			
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Does a random sampling of the sprinkler system components meet the intent of the five-year certification requirements as contained in Title 19, California Code of Regulations?

It is the intent of the five-year certification inspection of fire sprinkler systems that the entire system, including all components, be inspected. Title 19 does not exempt any components or areas from the inspection process. All sprinkler heads should be inspected regardless of location. If only a percentage of sprinkler heads are inspected, the system cannot be certified or tagged. If the inspection is incomplete, the licensed inspector must notify the building owner of the reasons for not certifying the system. The fire department must also be notified in writing when a system is not certified.