

# Annual Fire Safety Engineer (FSE) Dialogue Session

Friday 17 March 2017 3pm to 5pm SCDF HQ City Campus Level 3 Lecture Room 1A

# Fire Engineering

# Reports



- Title (Description)
- Introduce the building (Building plans)
- Deviations
- Design fire scenarios
- Mark-up drawings
- Results (Where applicable)

Applies to all **FEDB/FER/WVR Rpts** 



- Title (Description)
  - ✓ Beware spelling errors

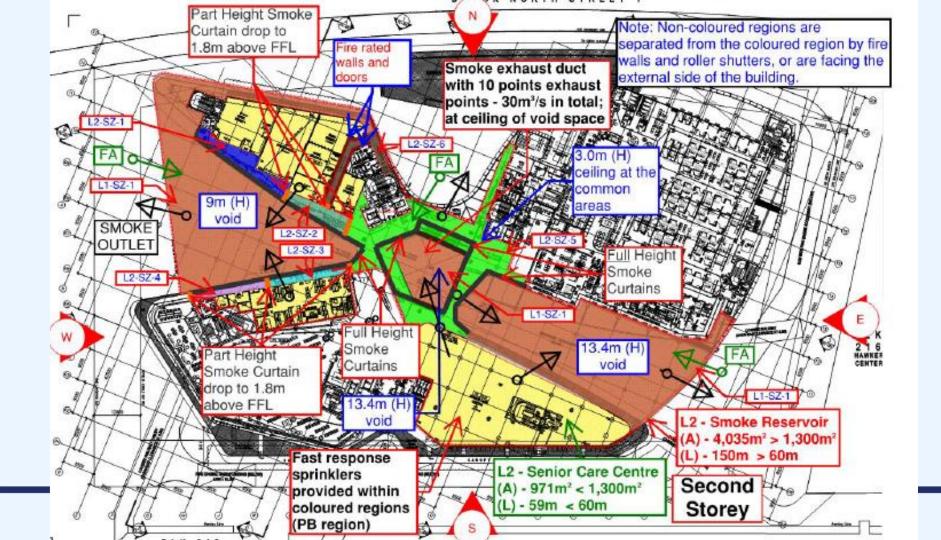


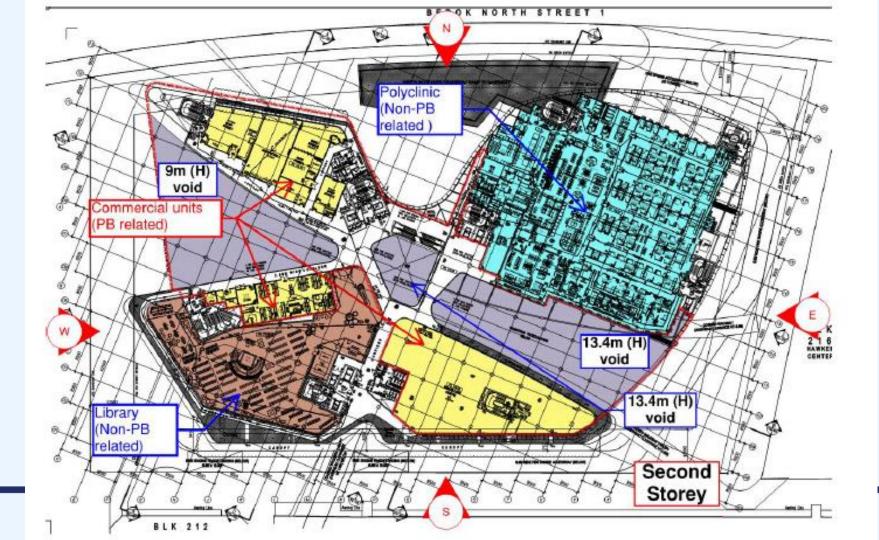
- Introduce the building (Building plans)
  - ✓ Clean set just showing main uses
    - Retail
    - Clinic
    - Car park
    - Library
    - Cinema
    - Etc



- Introduce the building (Building plans)
  - ✓ Indicate PB floors/areas
    - State clearly if floor has no PB issues
  - ✓ Slow location plan and Fire Engine Accessway.
  - ✓ Include photos/pics/3d drawings
  - ✓ Can use deviation set if not too congested.







- Introduce the building (Building plans)
  - ✓ Projects that need separate introduction set :
    - MBS
    - Our Tampines Hub
    - Bedok Integrated Complex
    - All-in-one buildings



- Deviations (Tabulate)
  - ✓ Insert extent where applicable
  - ✓ Highlight key numbers
  - ✓ Presented in single page if possible.



Part(s) of the building affected by performance- based solution	Relevant Prescriptive Clause and Alternative Solutions	Relevant root and sub- objectives	Design solution	Acceptance Criteria
Blk 21	Table 2 of Appendix (4) – for above ground level warehouse,	Root objectives	To use smoke	Refer to Section 11 of
Compartment B,	with size more than 400m² to size limit of Table 1, the smoke vent shall be at least 20% of the floor area it served and shall	R7.1 and R7.2	simulation to assess the smoke venting capability	the report.
Blk 25	not be more than 12m measure horizontally away from any	Sub-objectives:	of the proposed natural	
Compartment C	part of the warehouse.	S7.1, S7.2	smoke vents for the	
and	'	*	worst-credible fire	
	The area of the smoke vents are as followed:		scenario	
Blk 28				
Compartment E	- Blk 21 Compartment B, approximately 17.54% of the floor			
	area			
	- Blk 25 Compartment C, approximately 17.54% of the floor area			
	- Blk 28 Compartment E, approximately 18.85% of the floor area			



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	- Blk 28 Compartment E, approximately 18.85% of the floor area			

✓ Good thing is the extent of deviation is stated.
But how table be improved ?



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- Design fire scenarios (Tabulate)
  - ✓ Name all scenarios (FS1, BC1, SS1a,)
  - ✓ Include soot yield in a column
  - ✓ Highlight clearly what has changed in the Sen Study.
    - Fire size up 20%
    - Vent closed
  - $\checkmark$  Present in a single page where possible.



- Mark-up drawings What needs to be shown.
  - ✓ Deviations
  - ✓ Design fires (Eg : F2 10 MW)
  - ✓ Trial design
    - Smoke path for NV/MV
    - Shutter/curtain location (delay ?)
    - Monitor location (rings)
    - Sprinklers, etc



- Mark-up drawings What needs to be shown.
  - ✓ MV ducts (indicative is fine)
  - ✓ Height (Spell full : Height = 7m)
  - ✓ Fire Engine Accessway
  - ✓ In report vs a separate set



- Mark-up drawings General principles
  - $\checkmark$  Large font. What is important must be large.
  - ✓ Standardize 5,500 m<sup>2</sup> vs 5500 m<sup>2</sup>.
  - Deviations and Design fires. (Are all deviations analyzed ?)
     Contrast

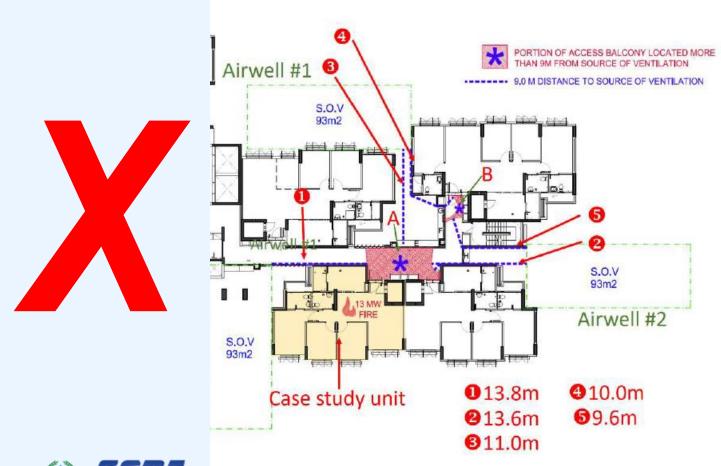


- Mark-up drawings General principles
  - ✓ Point form/abbreviations gd (Smk res, Sprk, etc)
  - ✓ One zoom (or no zoom). Where are the critical info?
  - ✓ Its alright to split single floor into 2 pages if its too congested but critical info must be found in both
    - Design fire
    - Trial design



- Mark-up drawings General principles
  - ✓ DJF pjts, show
    - Jet fan profiles
    - Fan failures
  - ✓ No legends
    - Back and forth
    - Colours run

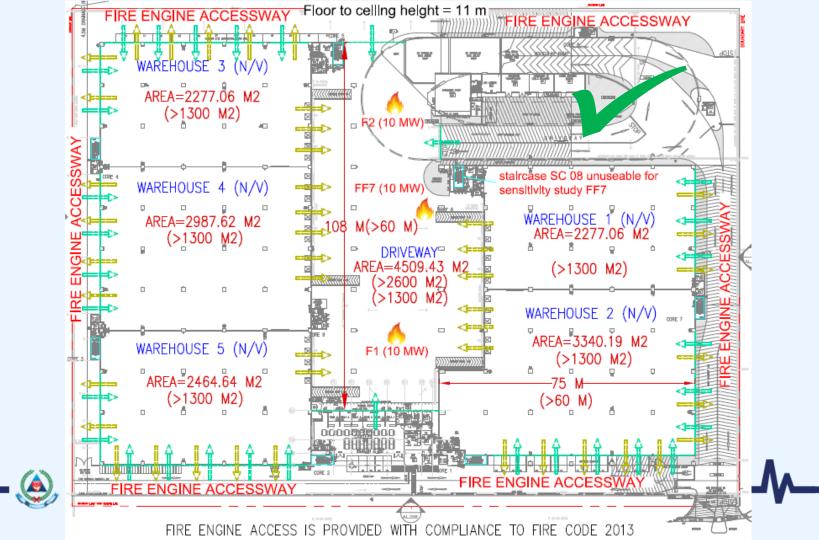


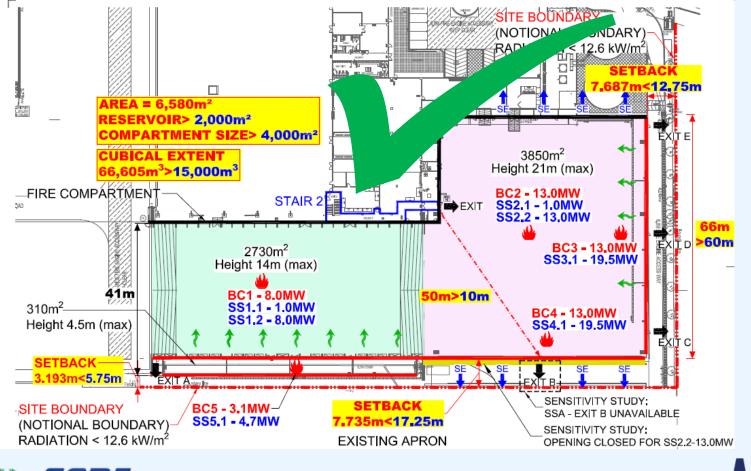




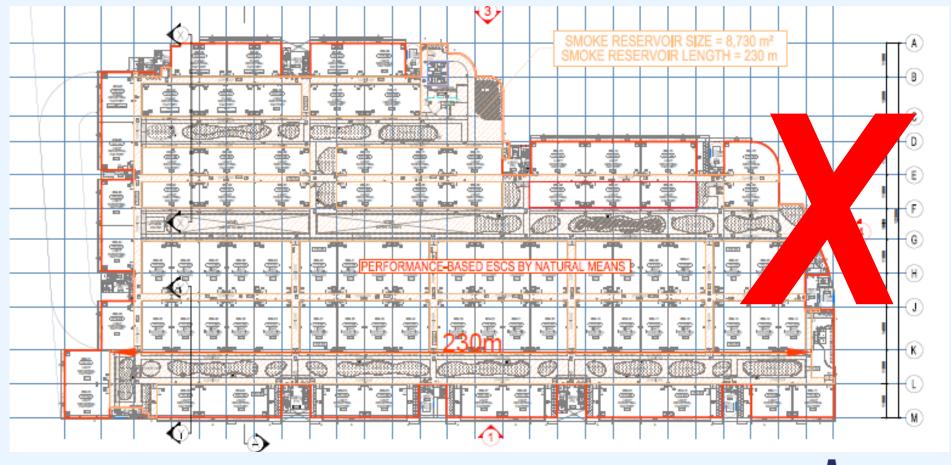
- Mark-up drawings General principles
  - ✓ Colours must make sense. Each a distinct colour(s) :
    - Deviations
    - Voids
    - Fire separation
    - Smoke separation
    - Escape paths
    - etc



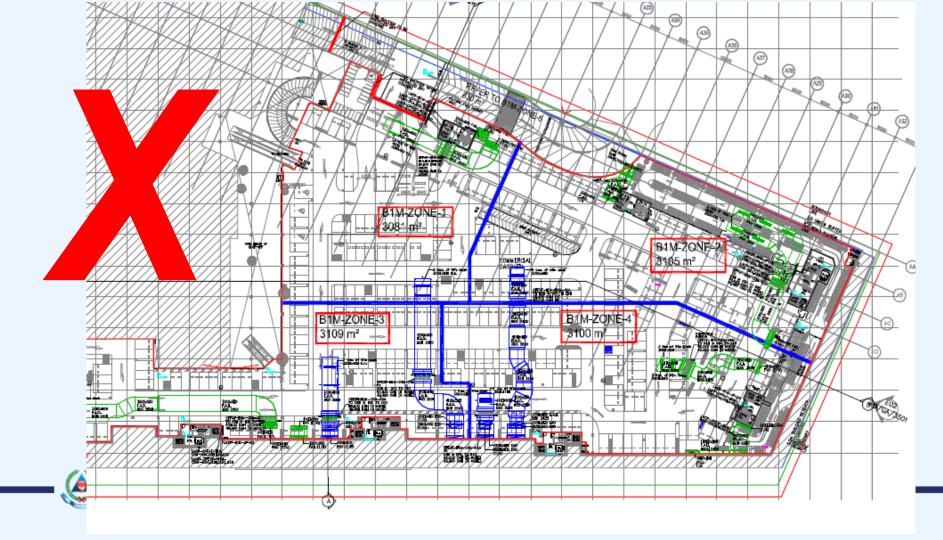


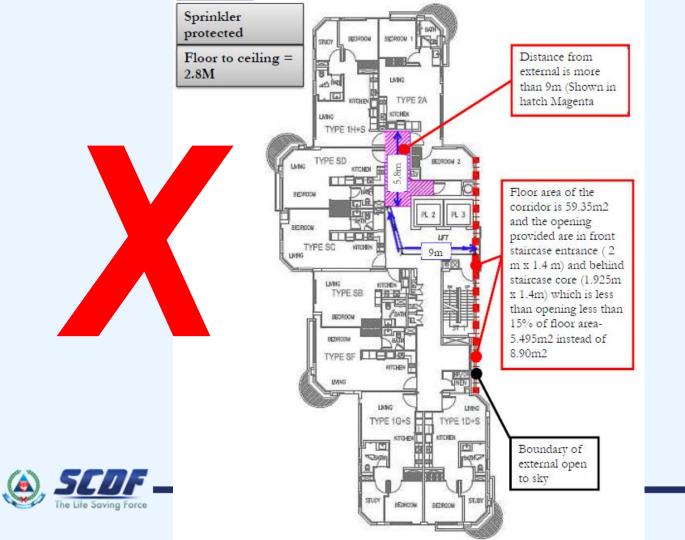


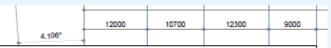




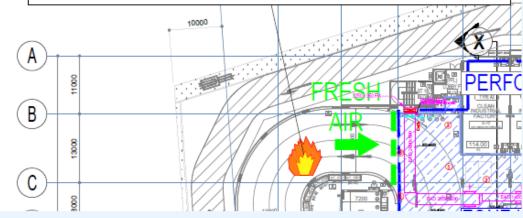








#### Fire Scenario 1 (Base Case) 10MW Ultrafast t<sup>2</sup> Fire Growth @ Start of the Ramp







### Fire Safety Provisions vs Trial Design

#### Fire safety provisions

- ESC
- ESFR
- Fire shutters
- Beam detectors
- Hosereel
- FCC
- Dry riser
- Fire extinguisher
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**Trial design** 

ESC

ESFR/In-rack/Std Sprk

Fire shutters

- Beam detectors
- Water monitors
  - Strobe lights
- Smoke curtain with 60s delay

- Results (Tables and slices)
  - ✓ Indicate timing for ASET/RSET on the results for searching.
  - ✓ If smoke layer drops below 2.5m, have a few slices prior to show prior timings. ASET = ASET ?
  - $\checkmark$  When results look strange/off, discuss reason below the slice.



### **General things to note**

- Check spelling
- Tables/figures/pictures
- Point form
- Appropriate headings/sub-headings
- Paragraphing
- Use colours wisely



From our earlier approved PBD, we would like to highlight changes to the locations of the fire curtains provided for 1<sup>st</sup> storey. The revised layout of fire curtains are as reflected in Figure 2 below. These changes to the fire curtains arose from recent site coordination carried out between the structural beams, mechanical & electrical (M&E) services and the fire curtains. Furthermore, the proposed changes also serve to de-conflict the clashes between the protected areas from the fire engine accessways. This change in fire curtain locations also minimize the areas of the non-commercial activity/sterile zones, providing further reliability in design that these sterile zones will be kept clear at all times.

The new positions of the fire curtains are determined based on the same concept as per our approved PBD, with the intention to provide a fire barrier along the escape routes between the escaping occupants and a fire happening at 1<sup>st</sup> storey. As per our earlier approved PBD, all fire curtains shall meet 2-hr fire rating (Integrity and insulation). The fire curtains remain to be designed with a two-stage descent and activated by the nearby smoke detectors. The first-stage descent will be a pre-determined height of 2.4m AFFL, with the second-stage descent to floor level after a 5 minutes time delay. Strobe lights will be provided on either side of the fire curtains to offer visual alert to the occupants of the descending curtains. Appropriate floor markings will be provided at the fire curtain locations to prevent obstructions from being placed directly underneath the fire curtains and obstruct curtains from deploying fully. Areas to be enclosed by the fire curtains will be demarcated as 'non-commerc' spaces to prohibit combustible materials from being placed within the protected passageways.

Engineered smoke control is provided throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> storey hospital street as well as to some of the tenant spaces. The engineered smoke control is designed in accordance with the prescriptive code and to maintain a minimum clear layer height of 2.5m above finished floor level. Fast response sprinkler heads (RTI < 50m<sup>0.5</sup>s<sup>0.5</sup> are provided throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> storey for early automatic fire intervention. The temperature rating and wa discharge density will be in accordance with CP52. Figure 3 below shows the engineered smoke control z at 1<sup>st</sup> storey.

We would also like to highlight the addition of 5 more escape staircases with extended travel distances to the external building line. These are staircases S.42, S.42A, S.43, S.63 and S.63A. The extended travel distances for each of the staircases to the building external line are reflected in the following table below. However, staircases S.42 and S.43 first open to a fire protected lobby/corridor before discharging to the common hospital street, thereby reducing their travel distance out of a protected area to 27m. Refer to Cloud A in Figure 2 below.

From the qualitative analyses, an unlikely potential for outbreak will be limited and contained within the fire compartment by the Automatic Sprinkler System. The heat and smoke will be vented out through the high level clear permanent openings along the driveway facade (G/L: F-G/5-16) for one side of the building (refer to Annex B) as well as the heat and smoke will be exhausted out through the smoke exhaust ducts along the driveway via mechanical fans at the roof for the other areas of the building (refer to Annex B). All the eight (8) groups of mechanical fans at the roof level with a total exhaust rate of 576,000CMH will be turn on simultaneously in the event of an unlikely fire emergency upon detection on that storey. The replacement air to the ESCS is provided by the permanent clear openings at the facade of the building. As an added enhancement to the levels of fire safety, early warning system via the automatic Fire Alarm System and Emergency Voice Communications System will enable the occupants to evacuate from the premises at the earliest instance.

The key stakeholders for this Performance-based submission to the proposed development are as follows:





## **General things to note**

- All tables/Figures have its own unique number.
- Page numbering
- Name files/plans/reports accordingly
- Mark up as a set and not individual pages.



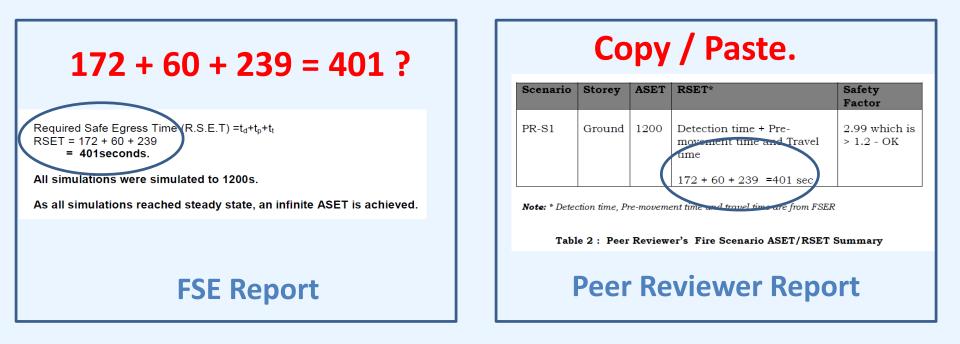
## **General things to note**

- All reports must be endorsed (  $\Delta$  and sign).
- Searchable
- We don't read Executive Summaries. (Generally)
- No hand-written mark-ups
- Avoid project specific abbreviations
- Check for errors.



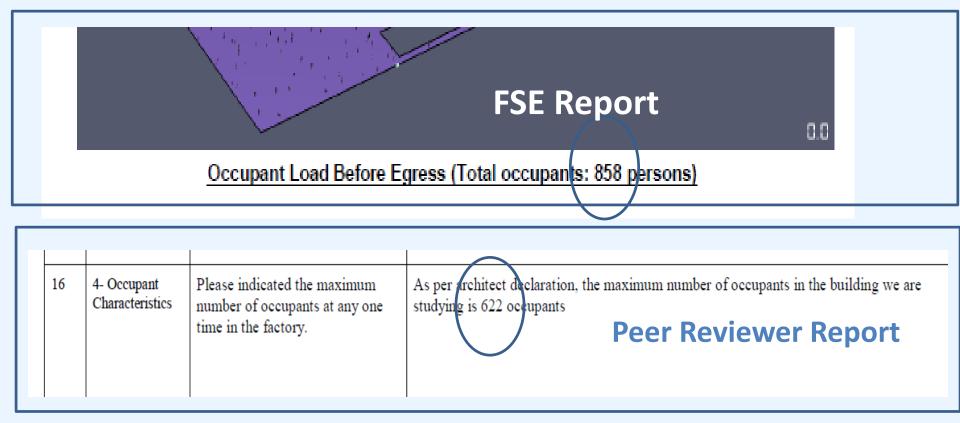
# Spot the Errors





This is obviously a copy and paste without exercising due diligence in evaluating the results. Such actions are unacceptable.





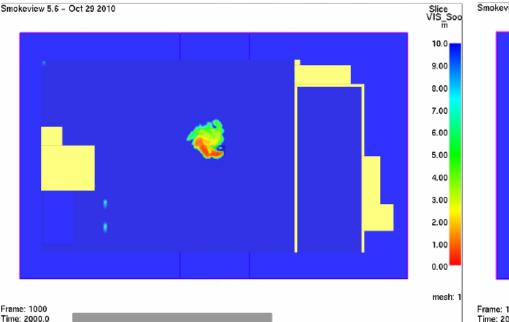






WVR/00052/17 (Original) – Slide #51

### FDS Results – <mark>SS1</mark> (Visibility, Z = 2.5m above FFL @ L3



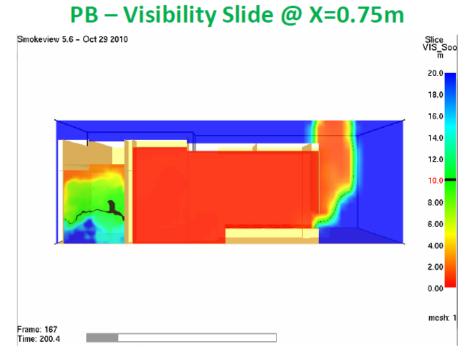
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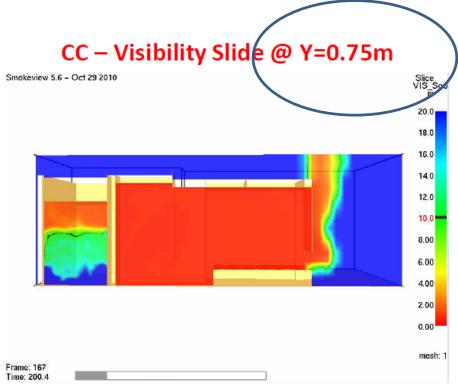
### FDS Results – <mark>SS2</mark> (Visibility, Z = 2.5m above FFL @ L3



Reason for error: The error occurred due to a typo on the heading.

### Comparative Study (Visibility Slides) – Tower A





The activation time of sprinkler system is tabulated below based on the FPE Tools calculation. The activation time of sprinkler system ranged from <u>310-366 seconds</u>.

### **Sprinkler activation time = ?**

Table 9.3.1.1: Activation time of sprinkler system from 1st storey production area

Design Fire Scenario	Type of T <sup>2</sup> Fire	Type of Sprinkler	Max RTI of Sprinkler ((ms)^0.5)	Max Height of Sprinkler (m)	Temp Rating (°C)	Basis of Design	Radial Distance of sprinkler (m)	Activation time (Seconds)
1 <sup>st</sup> Storey F	roduction	Area			•			
S1, S1-1S	Ultra Fast	Quick Response Sprinklers	50	15.5	68	Based on Activation of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 'ring' of sprinklers	4.93	206
S2	Ultra Fast	Quick Response Sprinklers	50	7.2	68	Based on Activation of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 'ring' of sprinklers	4.93	136
S3	Ultra Fast	Quick Response Sprinklers	50	13	68	Based on Activation of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 'ring' of	4.93	186

3. FSSD query: There are many fire protection features to be activated in a fire alarm (i.e shutters, dampers), and the chances of any one of the smoke control components failing to activate & operate properly will increase. However, none of your analysis scenarios actually reviewed those scenarios.

QP reply:

Noted. The following design fire scenarios will be added as sensitivity analyses:

Scenario 1: Failure of 1 out of 2 nos of solid roller shutter

Scenario 2: Failure of 8 out of 24 nos of motorised dampers

Please find the addition of design fire scenarios in the revised FEDB report.



#### Table 9.5.3.1: Summary of Proposed Design Fire Sizes

Design Fire	Design Fire			Max RTI of			Justification for design fire size (MW)			Activation time
Scenario	Description	Type of t <sup>2</sup> Fire	Type of Sprinkler	Sprinkler ((ms)^0.5)	of Sprinkler (m)	Temp Rating (°C)	Basis of Design	Radial Distance of sprinkler (m)	Calculated Fire Size (MW)	(Seconds)
1 <sup>st</sup> Storey Produ	uction Area									
S1	Production area protected by				15.5		Based on Activation of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 'ring' of sprinklers	4.93	9.24	222
S2	Quick Response Sprinklers. Ceiling sprinklers activate and	ck Response Sprinklers. Litra Fast	Quick Response Sprinklers	50	7.2	68		4.93	3.94	145
S3	control fire growth				13		opinikiero	4.93	7.50	200

#### Table 9.5.3.2: Sensitivity Analysis - Summary of Proposed Design Fire Size

Design Fire Scenario	Description	Type of t <sup>2</sup> Fire	Type of Sprinkler	Max RTI of Sprinkler ((ms)^0.5)	Max Height of Sprinkler (m)	Temp Rating (°C)	Fire Size (MW)	Remark
1 <sup>st</sup> Storey Prod	uction Area							
S1-1S	S1-1S Production area protected by Quick Response Sprinklers. Ceiling sprinklers activate and control fire growth		Quick Reponse Sprinklers	-	-	-	11.10	An extreme design situation of the 1.2 times design fire size considered in the Base Analysis is considered.

### Where are the 2 new sensitivity cases ?

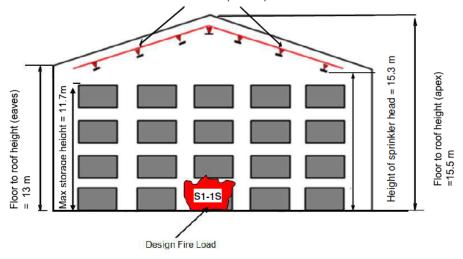


#### Design Fire Scenario S1-1S (Sensitivity Analysis)

A design fire size of 1.2 times larger than the fire size of design fire scenario S1 is considered. QR roof sprinklers are used for protection of production area. The scenario considers the activation of these ceiling sprinklers due to a machine fire at floor level.

#### Figure 9.5.2.1: Design Fire Scenario S1-1S : Activation of Ceiling Sprinklers

Activation of Quick Response Sprinklers

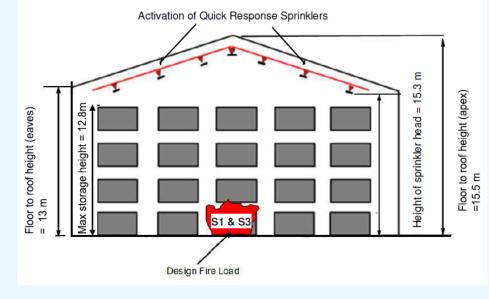


Design Fire Scenario S1: Activation of QR Ceiling Sprinkler under Apex

The floor to ceiling height is 15.5 m high at apex and the maximum estimated height of sprinkler heads from the floor is anticipated to be 15.3 m.

Roof sprinklers are used for protection of production area. The scenario considers the activation of these ceiling sprinklers due to a fire at floor level.

#### Figure 9.5.1.2: Design Fire Scenario S1 & S3 – Activation of QR Sprinklers



### Storage height = 11.7m or 12.8m ?



#### BASE CASES

Scenario	Loca tion	Description	HRR	Soot Yield Setting for FDS <sup>[26]</sup>
Base BC1	Level B1	Fire points are located at critcal points of the parking space. Grid D/36-37. 3 jet fans closest to the fire source are de-activated. Sprinkler system de-activated.	4 MW	0.05kg/kg
Base BC2	Level	As in BC1.	4 MW	0.05kg/kg
	B1M	Fire point at Grid B/14 at the B1M storey		

#### ADDITIONAL CASES

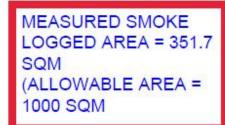
Scenario	Locat ion	Description	HRR	Soot Yield Setting for FDS <sup>[26]</sup>
Additional AC1	Level B1M	Fire points are located at critcal points of the parking space. Grid B/34. 3 jet fans closest to the fire source are de-activated. Sprinkler system de-activated.	4 MW	0.05kg/kg
Additional AC2	Level B1	As in AC1. Fire point at Grid M/23.	4 MW	0.05kg/kg

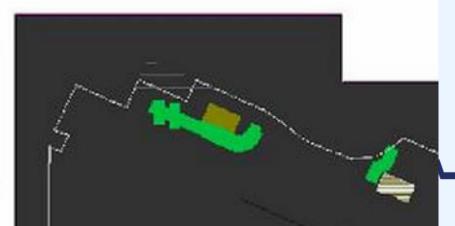


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#### AC1 - ADDITIONAL FIRE POINT AT B1 - VISIBILITY RESULT

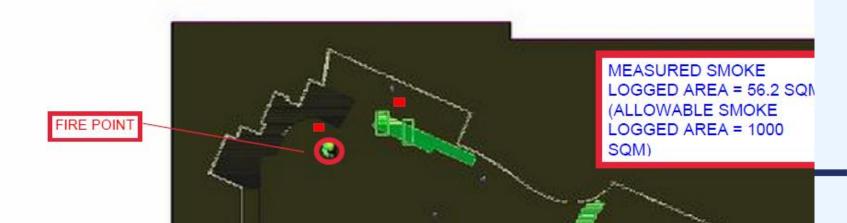




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Additional AC2	Level B1	As in AC1. Fire point at Grid M/23.	4 MW	0.05kg/kg

#### AC2 - ADDITIONAL FIRE POINT MODEL AT B1M - VISIBILITY RESULT



# **Errors in information**

Unclear

✓ Systems activated by smoke detector or sprinklers?

Absent

 $\checkmark$  Updated reports with missing info.

Inaccurate



### ASET of 380 sec doesn't apply to all cases ?!?!

#### Table 4: Results of ASET/RSET

Scenario	RSET = a + b+ c (sec)	ASET (sec)	Safety Factor	Acceptance Criterion
Base case 1	182.3	380	2.08	≥2
Base case 2	149* /182.3	298* / 380	2*/2.08	≥2
Base case 3	182.3	380	2.08	≥2



# **Quality of Reports**

Cause confusion to readers. Unclear/inconsistent reports will be rejected without reasons. We are not here to check your reports.



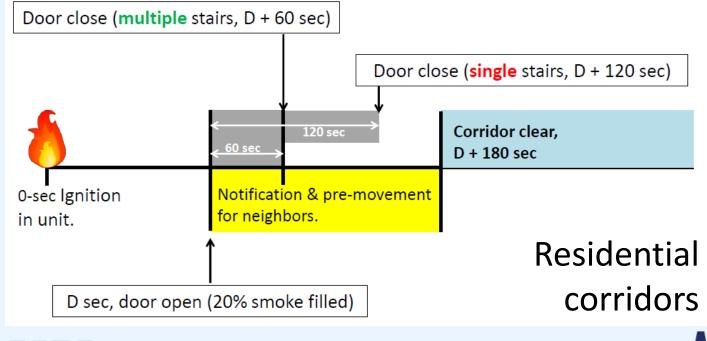


## **Acceptance Criteria**

### **Residential Corridors**

180 seconds after door opens, at the height of Z = 2m:

- 1. Visibility for the whole corridor must **exceed 10m** &
- 2. Temperature for the whole corridor must be less than 60°C.





# **Acceptance Criteria**

For residential corridors and exit staircases:

✓ Come for a consultation/discussion.





# **Waiver Applications**

## Supported by Fire Engineering Assessment by FSE

# **FER for WVR**

- Which clause is it ?
- Reject if different/unclear.
- Which block(s) is/are involved ? Payment per different design/block.
- FER and WVR application must match.



#### Date : 30 December 2015

Registrar, Board of Architects Registrar, Professional Engineers Board President, Singapore Institute of Architects President, Institution of Engineers, Singapore President, Association of Consulting Engineers, Singapore

Dear Sir/Mdm

## CONDUCT OF FIRE ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT IN SUPPORT OF FIRE SAFETY WAIVER APPLICATION



### **PB** Waiver Applications

Year 2015	Year 2016	2017 till Mar 17				
40 - 50	80 - 90	30 - 35				
2 PB officers	2 PB officers	2 PB officers				
Circular						

Issues : QP/Applicant kept in the dark.
 ✓ Send queries to FSE and QP/Applicant



PB Waiver Applications And PB projects in general.

### Time Mgmt:

- Status checks
- Early occupation







## **Submission of Documentation**

# Submission of documentation

- FDS source code for all design fires (soft copy), where relevant to accompany all FER/WVR submissions.
- PB briefing to client to close audit (1) complete FER in addition to (2) O&M.





# F.E.D.

# F.E.D. Analysis

- Not automatically accepted as acceptance criteria
- Do submit when ASET/RSET = 2 or slightly more.



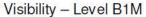


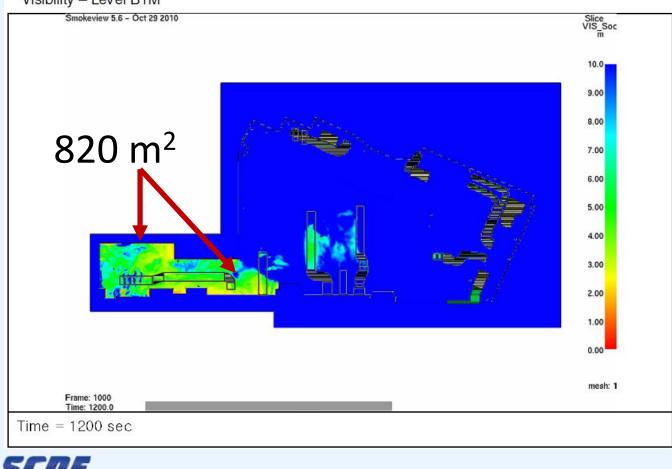
# **D.J.F. for car parks**

#### 4.2 Acceptance criteria

- 4.2.1 Not more than 1000m<sup>2</sup> of the car park space can be smoke-logged for at least 20 mins, regardless of whether the fire is located within the smoke control zone or across the zone boundaries (Note: After the 20mins duration, smoke is expected to remain confined within the 1000m<sup>2</sup> area). Within this smoke-logged area, there shall be at least 1 viable route for the fire-fighters where the following conditions are satisfied:
  - a) Smoke temperature shall not exceed  $250^{\circ}$ C at a height of 1.7m from floor level.
  - b) Visibility shall not be less than 5m at a height of 1.7m from floor level.







SCOF The Life Saving Force

# **DJF Results :**

- "Fail" > 800 m<sup>2</sup>
  - ✓ Discussion:
    - Ceiling beam and duct layout
    - Run more fire scenarios.



# End

