

**OPWDD STATEWIDE FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS AND FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS  
INSPECTION, TESTING, MAINTENANCE, REMEDIAL REPAIRS, EMERGENCY SERVICE  
CALLS AND REPAIRS  
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**Questions and Answers 4 – February 9, 2021**

- Q1** The paragraph reads: “Wet Pipe System: Test alarms by opening the inspector’s test connection. This simulates the flow of water from one sprinkler head and will activate the water motor alarm as well as the flow switch or pressure switch.” Is it the intent to have this test to be performed at each inspector’s test valve in order to test each flow switch or pressure switch?
- A1** The intent is to test mechanical, vane type and pressure switch type waterflow alarm devices quarterly via water flow using inspectors test connection or the combination inspectors test and drain. Sites utilizing a pressure switch type alarm device may use the alarm bypass during freezing weather.
- Q2** The paragraph reads: “Wet Pipe System: Test alarms by opening the inspector’s test connection. This simulates the flow of water from one sprinkler head and will activate the water motor alarm as well as the **flow switch** or **pressure switch**.”
- In Response 3 (rfp-qa-3), Answer 12 (A12) states that “It has been our experiences in many cases that sprinkler ITM companies are not able to test these devices as they are connected to the fire alarm system which was the deciding factor to include these tests with the Fire Alarm ITM.”, yet this test will activate the fire alarm system when the flow switch or pressure switch is activated.
- What is the difference between this test and the testing requirements in the Fire Alarm scope (3.1.B.2.b) where testing of the water flow switches will be performed semi-annually?
- A2** There is no difference in the required test expectation as they are the same for both NFPA 25 and NFPA 72, however OPWDD exceeds the frequency expectations of NFPA 25 and NFPA 72 by requiring 4 test by the sprinkler vendor and 2 test by the fire alarm vendor of vane and pressure type waterflow alarm devices.
- Q3** The “(System) ITM” tab requires input for an average cost for each Quarter of inspections per site. Since the homes in a particular DDSO region vary with respect to installed equipment that requires inspection and testing, so too will the price to perform those inspections. How will additional components, systems, and/or sites not included on the inventory sheet be priced into the contract once awarded?
- A3** If the vendor finds something was not correctly indicated in the inventory that has an impact on the ITM cost for the site, the vendor will bring it to the attention of OPWDD. The OPWDD will review said inventory oversight and allow an adjustment to the unit cost of the site in question based on the unit cost of a site with the same inventory characteristics.