

Fire Protection Handbook, 17th edn., by Arthur E. Cole (Ed.), National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, MA, 1991, ISBN 0-87765-378-X, over 2000 pp., \$99.50.

The latest edition of the “Bible” of fire protection in the United States. This edition is entirely updated and revamped with additional charts and illustrations. The latest edition is composed of 183 chapters and 5 appendices all laid out in a systems approach. As the overleaf discusses, “This edition is organized around the six major strategies that encompass the building blocks of a systems approach to firesafety through balanced fire protection:

- Prevention of Ignition
- Design to slow early fire growth
- Detection and alarms
- Suppression
- Confinement of Fire
- Evacuation of Occupants

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Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code Handbook, 8th edn., by Robert P. Benedetti (Ed.), National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, MA, 1991, ISBN 0-87765-373-9, 393 pp., \$57.50.

This handbook presents the 1990 Standards for the safe handling, storage, and use of flammable and combustible liquids as established by the National Fire Protection Association. The handbook provides not only the actual standards but, more importantly, a short narrative on the intent and interpretation of each of the sections. The rapid advances in the technology of aboveground storage tanks coupled with the increased requirements of underground storage systems (deadline 1998) make this book a necessity to any facility handling or storing regulated liquids.

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Hazardous Materials Response Handbook, 2nd edn., by Gary Togle (Ed.), National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, MA, 1993, ISBN 0-87765-374-7, 993 pp. (Handbook), \$76.00 (includes handbook plus individual texts of NFPA/ANSI Standard 471 — Recommended Practice for Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents, NFPA/ANSI Standard 472 — Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents, and NFPA/ANSI Standard 473 — Standard for Professional Competencies for EMS Personnel Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents).