

# Fire Protection Engineering And Safety Standards Of U.S. Army And Air Force



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# Learning Objectives

1. *Differences Between Building Codes and US Military Regulations (Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC))*
2. *Design by Specification Versus Bill of Materials (BOM)*
3. *Fire Protection Engineering Design for the Specific Occupancy and the Fire Hazards*
4. *Mechanical Engineering Versus Fire Protection Engineering*
5. *Unlisted Versus Listed Fire Protection Equipment/Devices/Systems*

# Site 1 Protected SPFI Fire Testing

Smoke leaving doorway

Sole burning item, a small wastebasket

Note: This is PROTECTED SPFI. Unprotected SPFI exists at Site 1

Room filled with smoke

No other fuel, furniture, clothing, etc in space

100% smoke obscuration unprotected rescue not possible

Room smoke filled deadly

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# Site 1 Protected SPFI Fire Testing

Room fully involved and deadly



Note: This is PROTECTED SPFI. Unprotected SPFI exists at Site 1

