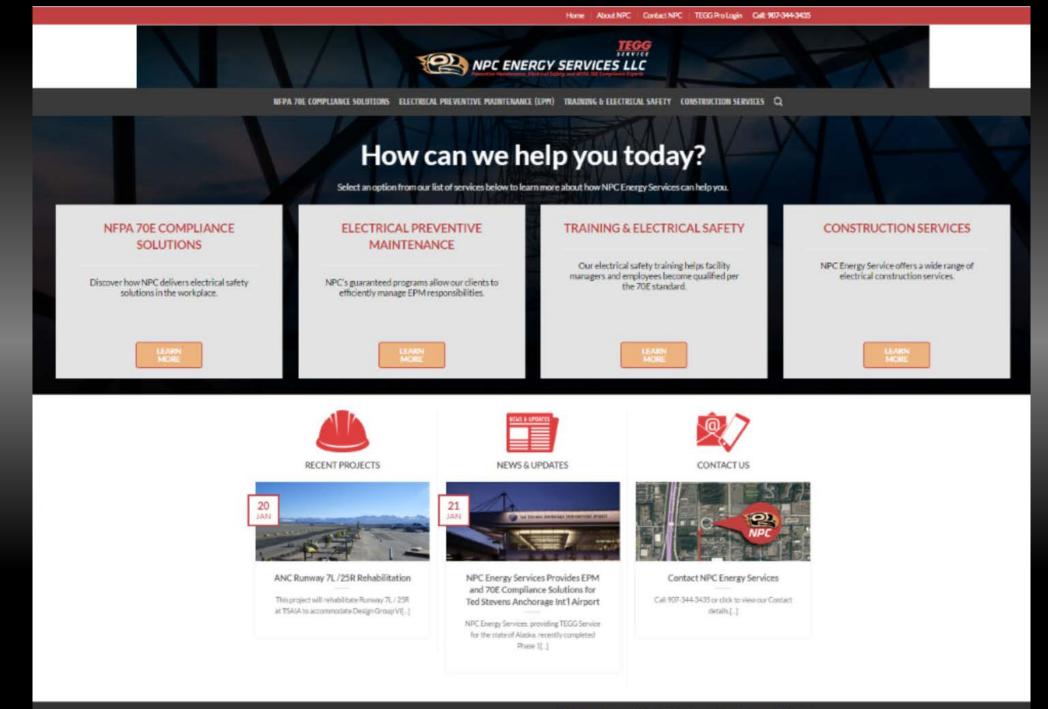


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Changes to Expectations Regarding

# **OSHA's stance on NFPA 70E**

- What is an Electrical Arc Flash Event
- What Has Prompted these Changes
- What Consists of NFPA 70E Compliance
- Changes to NFPA 70E 2015

#### **OSHA Fact Sheet**

Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution and Electrical Protective Equipment Final Rule.

#### **Protection from Flames and Electric Arc Hazards**

• The employer must assess the workplace to identify workers exposed to flame or electric-arc hazards.

• No later than January 1, 2015, employers must estimate the incident heat energy of any electric-arc hazard to which a worker would be exposed.

• No later than April 1, 2015, employers generally must provide workers exposed to hazards from electric arcs with protective clothing and other protective equipment with an arc rating greater than or equal to the estimated heat energy.







## "Industrial Safety & Hygiene News"----

#### There are 30,000 Arc Flash Incidents

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#### 7,000 Burn Injuries per year

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#### 2,000 Hospitalizations per year

## "Industrial Safety & Hygiene News"----

#### **Over 400 fatalities per year**

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# 80% of Electrical Worker fatalities are due to burn <u>not</u> shock



#### What does compliance with NFPA 70E mean?

- Understand NFPA 70E and have a complete, written NFPA 70E Safety Plan
- Train and Qualify Employees in NFPA 70E Compliance
- Generate and Post a facility Electrical One-Line Diagram
- Perform A Hazard/Risk Analysis and Apply Labels to Equipment
- Provide the Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment
- Perform Ongoing Maintenance on Electrical Equipment in accordance with NFPA 70B and NETA standards



#### Changes to NFPA 70E 2015

There are over 20 major changes in the 2015 Revision.

- Can either use the results from an Incident Energy Analysis or the use of the Arc Flash Hazard PPE Categories but *not both*.
- Definition of *Normal Operation:* 
  - The Equipment is properly installed
  - > The Equipment is properly maintained
  - The Equipment doors are closed and secured
  - All Equipment covers are in place and secured
  - There is no evidence of impending failure







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