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Alarms

The TAS technical requirements for alarms is based on the ADAAG as originally written. Because there have been advances in technologies and changes in other codes governing alarms and life safety, TDLR finds it necessary to begin recognizing and accepting compliance with other codes in regards to alarms. Also, taken into consideration is the proposed technical requirements for the updated ADAAG. Therefore, audible and visual alarms complying with NFPA72-1999, Chapter 4, will be acceptable for compliance with TAS except that the maximum allowable sound level of audible notification appliances complying with section 4-3.2.1 shall have a sound level no more than 110db at the minimum hearing distance from the audible appliance. Adherence to TAS 4.28 is still also acceptable for compliance with the TABA.

This new position is allowed by TAS 2.2 Equivalent Facilitation, however, a Variance Application will not be required to be submitted to TDLR.