Policy #: INS-05 (2007)  Subject of Policy: Breakfast and Meeting Rooms in R-1 Occupancies

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APPLIES TO:
All Inspection Personnel, Inspection Supervisors, Code/Plans Specialists.

PURPOSE:
To provide for the uniform enforcement of the exit corridor construction requirements of the 2007 Minnesota State Fire Code [Here after referred to as MSFC (07),] in R-1 (hotel and motel) occupancies with regards to breakfast/meeting room spaces located off of lobby areas and/or exit corridors.

POLICY:

SECTION 1 — BREAKFAST AND MEETING ROOMS IN R-1 OCCUPANCIES

In sprinklered buildings
Breakfast and meeting rooms located off of the lobby/exit corridors that are not separated from the lobby/exit corridors by one-hour fire resistive construction may remain, provided the building is equipped with a complete automatic sprinkler system in compliance with MSFC (07) Section 1027.17.1. A sprinkler system meeting the requirements of NFPA 13R would also be acceptable.

In unsprinklered buildings
If the breakfast or meeting room is a separate room (80% or more enclosed) from the lobby, the breakfast or meeting room shall be separated from the lobby/exit corridor system by one-hour fire resistive construction as specified by the MSFC (07) Section 1027.17.2.1 and 1027.17.2.2. Breakfast/meeting rooms that do not meet the definition of a distinct room off the lobby (less than 80% enclosed) do not require one-hour fire resistive construction and would not be impacted by this policy.