



April 2nd, 2025

Dear Valued Customer of the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office,

Subject: Compliance Follow-Up for Tier II Storage and Industrial Occupancies

In accordance with Georgia state law, Cobb County fire and life safety codes, hazardous materials regulations, and our County Community Risk Assessment, the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office is enhancing fire and life safety measures for facilities handling hazardous materials.

We first notified businesses of this compliance process in 2023 and followed up with additional notifications and site visits throughout 2024. These notification letters and site visits allowed businesses ample time to prepare for this requirement and ensure compliance with hazardous materials and fire safety codes. Recently, (February 14, 2025), the Fire Marshal's Office has also hosted in-person town hall meetings with both the affected businesses and known Fire and Life Safety professionals in an effort to help answer questions and concerns. Please consider the following information:

Final Deadline: May 1, 2025

To avoid a violation notice, your facility must submit the required report no later than May 1, 2025. The report must include the following:

1. Hazardous Material Review (Already Required in Georgia and Cobb County)

- Your facility is already required to conduct a Hazardous Material Review under Georgia law and Cobb County regulations.
- This review must be completed independently and made available upon request to the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office.
- Compliance includes:
 - Maximum Allowable Quantities (MAQs) review
 - Hazardous Material Management Plan (HMMP)
 - Hazardous Material Inventory Statement (HMIS)

2. Fire and Life Safety System Review (Minimum Compliance for This Effort)

- This is the primary focus of our compliance effort.
- Your fire sprinkler system must be able to suppress a fire based on the commodities stored below it.
- Your fire alarm and egress system must be compliant with fire codes and appropriate for the commodities present in your building.
- The following systems must be reviewed and documented:
 - Fire suppression systems (sprinklers and clean agents)
 - Fire alarm and notification systems

- Occupant egress compliance

Important Note: The Fire and Life Safety System Review must be stamped by a Georgia-licensed professional engineer with a related discipline.

Applicable Code References

For your reference, relevant code sections are attached, including:

- NFPA 1, Chapter 60, Sections 60.1.5 & 60.1.6 – Hazardous Material Management Plan & Inventory Statement
- IFC, Chapter 50, Sections 5001.5.1 & 5001.5.2 – Hazardous Material Management Plan & Inventory Statement

These codes outline key requirements for hazardous material management and fire safety compliance.

Appeal Process

If you believe this requirement does not apply to your facility, you have the option to request a review. In accordance with the Official Code of Cobb County, Section 54, Article IX – Fire Prevention and Protection Safety Ordinance Board of Appeals (Sec. 54-119 and Sec. 54-120), you may submit an appeal for consideration at TierIIReporting@cobbcounty.org. Our goal is to ensure a fair and transparent process, and we encourage any business with concerns to reach out for further guidance.

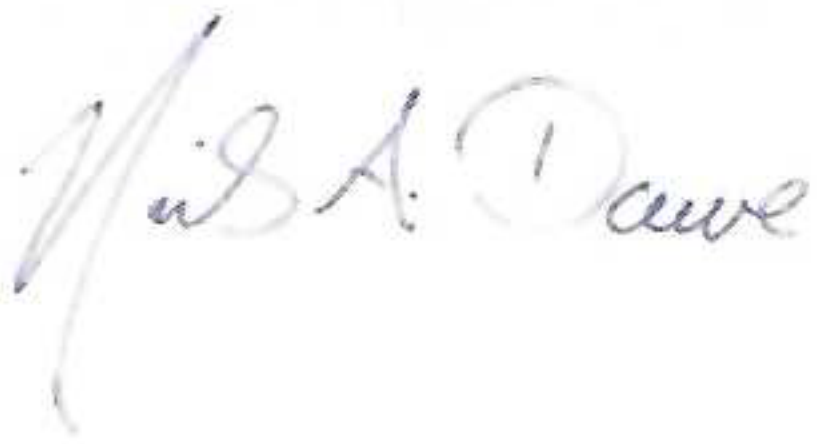
Contact Information

For questions, clarification, or assistance, please email TierIIReporting@cobbcounty.org or contact Randy Bennett at 404-632-5875.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining high fire safety standards. Our team is here to support you in ensuring that your fire protection systems match the actual risks present in your building.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Nicholas A. Dawe
Cobb County Fire Marshal/Division Chief