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Good morning Mr. Cook,

I would like to suggest the possibility of this rule change for consideration. We are a General Contractor in Havre, we also sell and erect metal buildings. In the last few years we have been doing some oilfield metal building storage and equipment shops, quite often in NE corner of state next to some of the small towns, or even more remotely, away from the small towns, often requiring wells for water service. Some of these buildings are up to 30-40,000 sf and fire sprinkler systems are tough challenges.

We face the same challenge with a couple of farm implement dealership equipment shops. With the newer methods of farming in recent years, equipment has gotten quite large, most notably combines, tractors, and air seeders. So the buildings are becoming larger, taller, with large doors, often with overhead cranes.

My suggestion is this rule was written with a years ago perspective when possibly buildings were built shorter, with more combustible building materials, and in close proximity to other structures, often in city settings. I think the evolvement of time necessitates an evaluation of this 10,000 sf requirement, not sure why 10,000 was the magic number. Again, most of these buildings are 24' tall and taller, up to 40' in our recent projects.

Thanks for your consideration.



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