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Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to preview and comment on this NIOSH Alert.

The primary concern that I have with the document is the statement on page 3: No offensive interior attacks should be made in unoccupied or unsafe structures.

I encourage you to soften that statement to allow the experience and training of responders, and appropriate local SOGs, to guide their hazard zone entry decisions. Other sections of your very thorough document direct personnel to consider construction, maintenance, age, fire stage, and other factors into an entry decision. The included considerations are appropriate and sufficient guidance. The included "No" statement implies that we should never enter a burning, unoccupied structure; many times a definitive search to verify an "all clear, and property conservation can be accomplished in these properties.

Thank you for deleting or modifying this part of the document.

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