

Peer Reviewer Comments
NIOSH ALERT: Preventing Deaths and Injuries of Fire Fighters when
Fighting Fires in Unoccupied Structures

Reviewer 1 provided no comments.

Reviewer 2 indicated no need for changes, that the draft looked excellent, and that the issue of fire fighters risking their lives where there is no life to save must continue to be pushed.

Reviewer 3 had no comments.

Reviewer 4:

Suggested updating the NFPA statistics section

Mentioned it was not clear if the scope of the Alert was intended to be buildings under construction, buildings targeted for demolition, or just vacant buildings

Suggested a few editorial changes to clarify key points

Reviewer 5 thought that the bulk of the information in the "Alert" was relevant and appropriate but that the presentation format could be revised to more accurately reflect "individual" responsibility and accountability for such issues.

Reviewer 6 thought the Alert was generally very good, liked the four case reports chosen to illustrate the problem, and suggested a few editorial revisions to clarify key points and make the text more consistent with fire fighting and NFPA terminology.