Proposed change: 1418

Support: I support this proposed change with modification(s).

Reason:

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REMOVE WORD "AUTOMATIC".

REASONING:
A majority of farmers provide their farms with portable standby power with on-site farm tractors and PTO driven generators. Personnel working in a barn will be immediately aware of a power outage due to lack of lights and shut down of barn equipment. Farm staff will leave the building quickly and ensure emergency power is connected to supply livestock with suitable air flow. With monitored alarms for power failure farmers can be notified in a timely manner and the wording of “automatic” would not permit portable PTO driven generators.