

SDP - HARRIS FIRE ZONE 1-A-ACP
(AKA-SAFE-SHUTDOWN-ANALYSIS-AREA 1-A-ACP)

- Ignition sources: Transients
 Electrical junction boxes
 Miscellaneous hydrogen fires
 Welding/Ordinary Combustibles and Welding/Cables
- Combustibles: 2 gal. transient flammable liquids, with no transient combustible permit required (per FPP-004)
 5 gal. transient combustible liquids, with no transient combustible permit required (per FPP-004)
 Cable insulation, unknown quantity (IEEE-383)
 Rubber mats up to 150 sq. ft. may be installed without continuous attendance - per FPP-004.
 Transient combustibles up to one million Btu above the analyzed combustible loading for a given fire zone are considered a low fire load and no fire watch or other compensatory action is required - per FPP-004.

Dimensions: The 1-A-ACP fire area is approximately 336 sq. ft.; with a length of about 28 ft., width of about 12 ft., and ceiling height of about 23 ft. Assume natural ventilation with a vent opening of 3 ft. wide by 7 ft. high (a doorway). Unprotected horizontal cable trays are approximately 9 ft. above the floor, near the door. Also, many unprotected cables are at the far end of the room, in a vertical cable run from the floor up to about 10 ft. above the floor, where they turn and run horizontally into a tunnel and away from the ACP room. Assume the fire starts in front of the vertical cable run.

Analysis: 5 gallons of transient oil spill on 50 sq. ft. of rubber mat. Also present is 125 lbs of solid transient combustibles (poly bags, rags, rubber, wood). All get ignited by a portable electrical implement (e.g., grinder, drill, heater, light bulb). Assume the rubber mat has a HRR of 354 Kw/sq. meter, an area of 5.5 sq. meters, and a total HRR of 1,950 Kw. Assume the 125 lbs of solid transient combustibles have a HRR of 500 Kw/ sq. meter, an exposed area of 2 sq. meters, and a total HRR of 1000 Kw. The heat release rates from the rubber mat and the solid transient combustibles are added to the heat release rate from the oil in analyzing the Hot Gas Layer and Plume C/L Temperatures.

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Pool Fire Area (sq. ft.)	Pool Fire Heat Release Rate (kW)	Pool Fire Flame Height (ft.)	Flame Impingement to Cable Tray	Pool Fire Burning Duration (min.)	Hot Gas Layer Temp. After 1 Minute (deg. F)	Hot Gas Layer Temp. After 2 Minutes (deg. F)	Hot Gas Layer Temp. After 3 Minutes (deg. F)	Hot Gas Layer Temp. After 4 Minutes (deg. F)	Plume C/L Temp (deg. F)
20	3333	14.6	yes	3.3	783	869	925	966	590
40	6667	18.8	yes	1.7	1014	1129	1203	1258	732
60	10000	21.8	yes	1.1	1220	1360	1450	1518	857

Conclusion: A hot gas layer in excess of the 700 degrees F needed to burn all IEEE 383 cables in the room could occur.

I-A-ACP

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5 GAL LUBE OIL + 50 FT² OF VENTILET MATT
+ 125 FT² PLASTIC COMBUSTIBLE

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8.5344 m
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Vent Width (w_v)
Vent Height (h_v)
Top of Vent from Floor (V_T)
Interior Lining Thickness (δ)

3.00 ft
7.00 ft
7.00 ft
12.00 in

0.914 m
2.134 m
2.134 m
0.3048 m

For thermally thick case the interior lining thickness should be greater than 1 inch.

AMBIENT CONDITIONS

Ambient Air Temperature (T_0)

77.00 °F

25.00 °C

298.00 K

Specific Heat of Air (c_p)
Ambient air Density (ρ_0)

1.00 kJ/kg-K
1.20 kg/m³

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Interior Lining Thermal Inertia (kpc)
Interior Lining Thermal Conductivity (k)
Interior Lining Specific Heat (c_p)
Interior Lining Density (ρ)

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0.75 kJ/kg-K
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Material	kpc (kW/m-K) ² -sec	k (kW/m-K)	c_p (kJ/kg-K)	ρ (kg/m ³)
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Fire Heat Release Rate (Q)

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Thermal Penetration Time Calculation

Thermally Thick Material

$$t_p = (\rho c_p/k)(\delta/2)^2$$

Where ρ = interior construction density (kg/m^3)

c_p = interior construction heat capacity ($kJ/Kg\cdot K$)

k = interior construction thermal conductivity ($kW/m\cdot K$)

δ = interior construction thickness (m)

$$t_p = 26128.98 \text{ sec}$$

Heat Transfer Coefficient Calculation

$$h_k = (kpc/t)^{1/2} \quad \text{for } t < t_p$$

Where kpc = interior construction thermal inertia ($kW/m^2\cdot K^2\cdot sec$)

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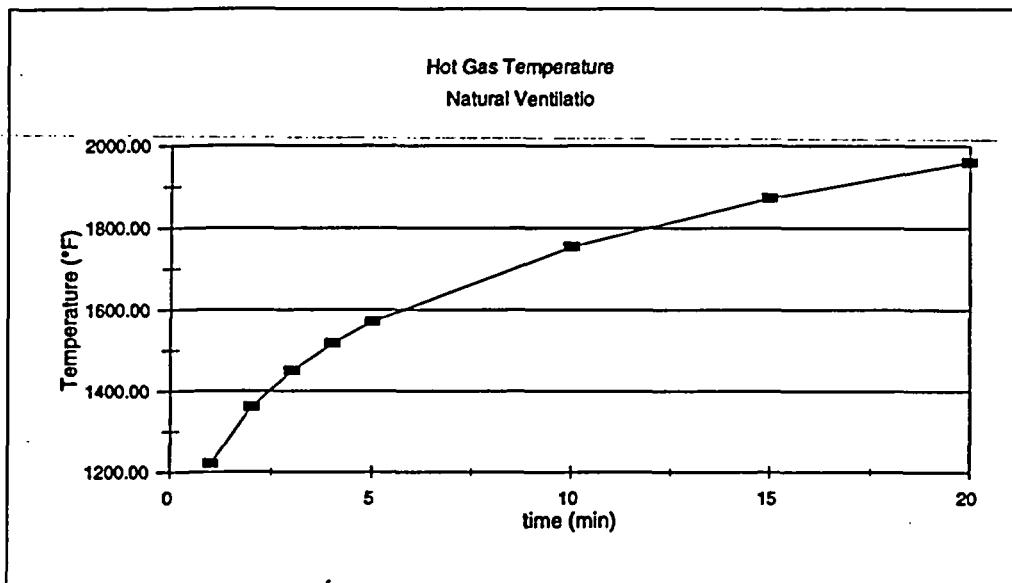
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RESULTS:

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(min)	(s)	($kW/m^2\cdot K$)	(K)	(K)	($^{\circ}C$)	($^{\circ}F$)
1	60	0.22	635.23	933.23	660.23	1220.41
2	120	0.16	713.02	1011.02	738.02	1360.43
3	180	0.13	762.87	1060.87	787.87	1450.16
4	240	0.11	800.33	1098.33	825.33	1517.60
5	300	0.10	830.66	1128.66	855.66	1572.19

10	600	0.07	932.38	1230.38	957.38	\$1755.29
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Where z = smoke layer height (m)

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k = a constant given by $k = 0.076/\rho_g$

ρ_g = hot gas layer density (kg/m^3)

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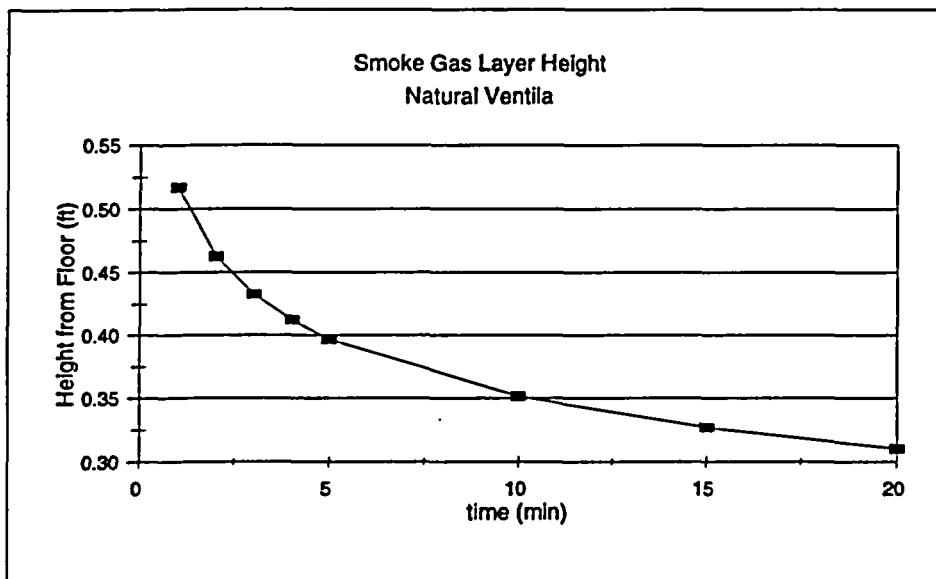
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RESULTS:

t (min)	ρ_g kg/m^3	k	z (m)	z (ft)
1	0.38	0.201	0.16	0.52
2	0.35	0.218	0.14	0.46
3	0.33	0.228	0.13	0.43
4	0.32	0.236	0.13	0.41
5	0.31	0.243	0.12	0.40
10	0.29	0.265	0.11	0.35
15	0.27	0.279	0.10	0.33
20	0.26	0.289	0.09	0.31



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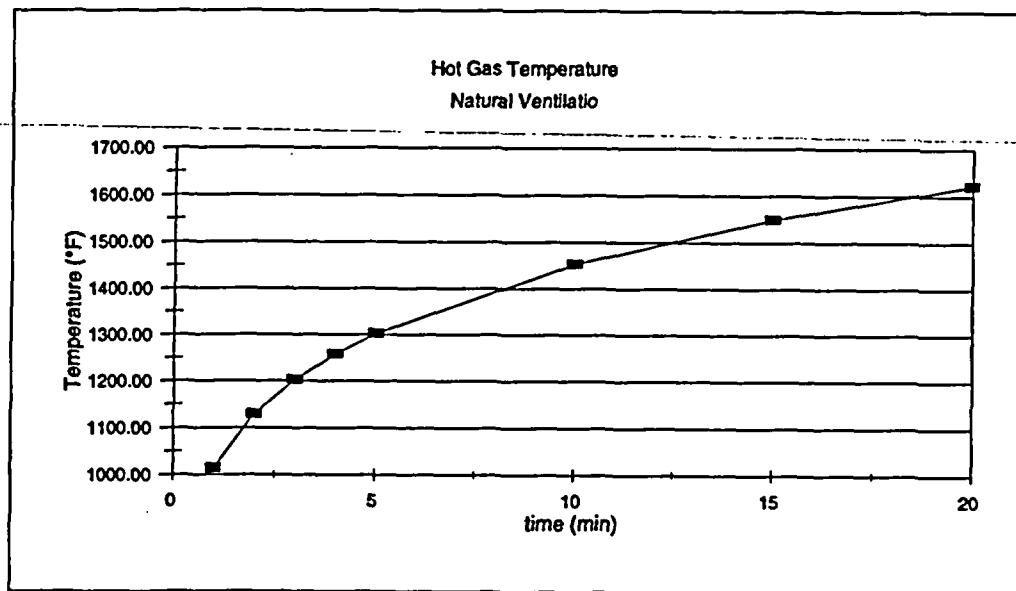
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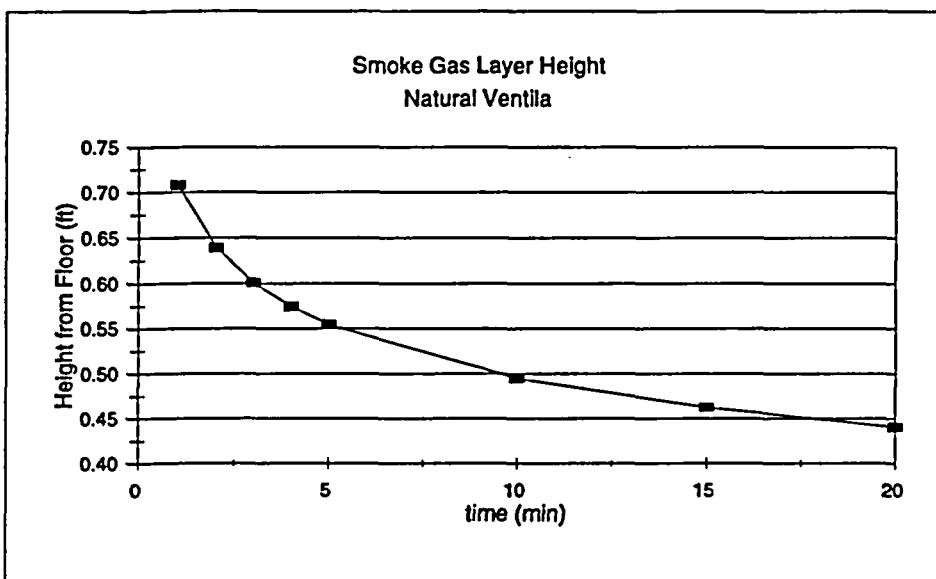
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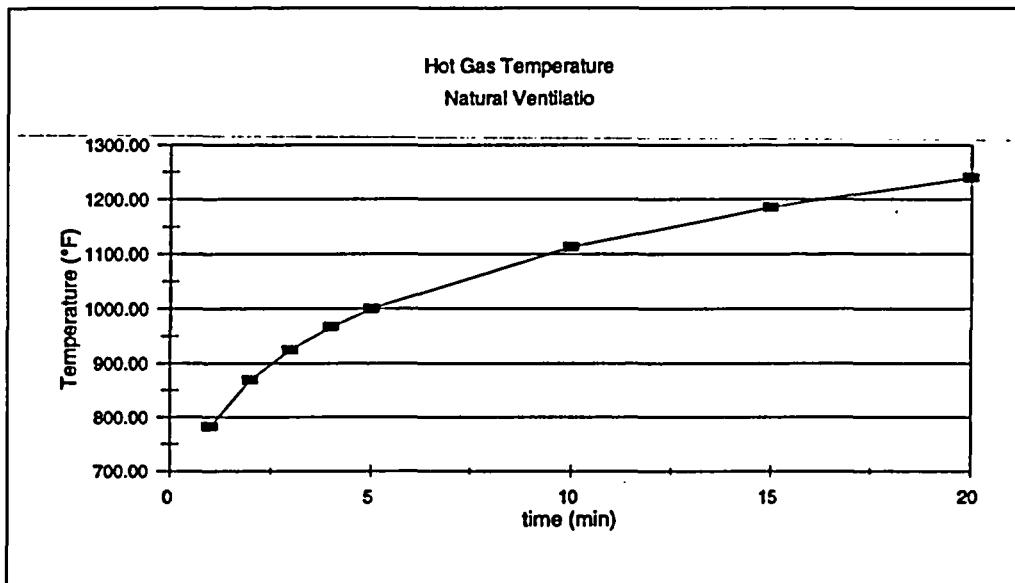
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4	0.11	494.16	792.16	519.16	966.49
5	0.10	512.89	810.89	537.89	1000.20

10	600	0.07	575.70	873.70	600.70	\$1113.25
15	900	0.06	615.94	913.94	640.94	\$1185.70
20	1200	0.05	646.20	944.20	671.20	\$1240.15



ESTIMATING SMOKE LAYER HEIGHT METHOD OF YAMANA AND TANAKA

$$z = ((2kQ^{1/3}t/3A_c) + (1/h_c^{2/3}))^{-3/2}$$

Where z = smoke layer height (m)
 Q = heat release rate of the fire (kW)
 t = time after ignition (sec)
 h_c = compartment height (m)
 A_c = compartment floor area (m^2)
 k = a constant given by $k = 0.076/\rho_g$
 ρ_g = hot gas layer density (kg/m^3)
 ρ_g is given by $\rho_g = 353/T_g$
 T_g = hot gas layer temperature (K)

Compartment Area Calculation

$$A_c = (w_c)(l_c)$$

$$A_c = 59.83 \text{ m}^2$$

Hot Gas Layer Density Calculation

$$\rho_g = 353/T_g$$

Calculation for Constant K

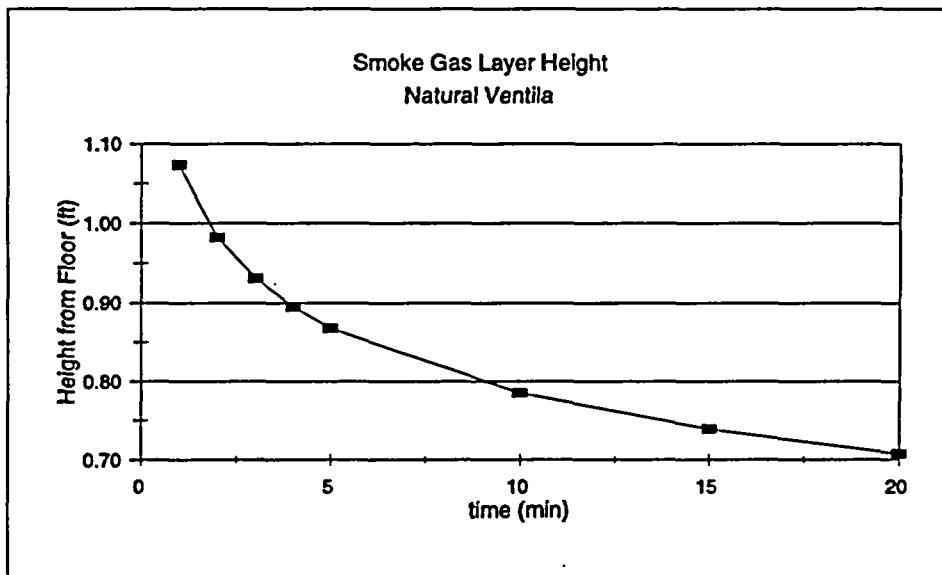
$$k = 0.076/\rho_g$$

Smoke Gas Layer Height With Natural Ventilation

$$z = ((2kQ^{1/3}t/3A_c) + (1/h_c^{2/3}))^{-3/2}$$

RESULTS:

t (min)	ρ_g kg/m ³	k	z (m)	z (ft)
1	0.51	0.149	0.33	1.07
2	0.48	0.159	0.30	0.98
3	0.46	0.166	0.28	0.93
4	0.45	0.171	0.27	0.90
5	0.44	0.175	0.26	0.87
10	0.40	0.188	0.24	0.79
15	0.39	0.197	0.23	0.74
20	0.37	0.203	0.22	0.71



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METHOD OF ESTIMATING TEMPERATURE OF A BUOYANT FIRE PLUME

VERSION 1.0

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INPUT PARAMETERS

Heat Release Rate of the Fire (Q)

12950.00	kW
23.00	ft
60.00	ft ²

Distance from the Top of the Fuel to the Ceiling (z)

7.01
5.57

Area of Combustible Fuel (A_c)

AMBIENT CONDITIONS

Ambient Air Temperature (T₀)

77.00 °F

25.00
298.00

Specific Heat of Air (c_p)

1.00 kJ/kg-K

Ambient Air Density (ρ₀)

1.20 kg/m³

Acceleration of Gravity (g)

9.81 m/sec²

Convective Heat Release Fraction (χ_c)

0.50

ESTIMATING PLUME CENTERLINE TEMPERATURE

Reference: SFPE Handbook of Fire Protection Engineering 2nd Edition (Page 2-9)

$$T_p(\text{centerline}) - T_0 = 9.1 \left(T_0 / g \right) c_p^2 \rho_0^2)^{1/3} Q_c^{2/3} (z - z_0)^{-5/3}$$

Where

Q_c = Convective portion of the heat release rate (kW)

T₀ = ambient air temperature (K)

g = acceleration of gravity (m/sec²)

c_p = specific heat of air (kJ/kg-K)

ρ₀ = ambient air density (kg/m³)

z = distance from the top of the fuel package to the ceiling (m)

z₀ = hypothetical virtual origin of the fire (m)

Convective Heat Release Rate Calculation

$$Q_c = \chi_c Q$$

Where

Q = heat release rate of the fire (kW)

χ_c = convective heat release fraction

$$Q_c = 6475 \text{ kW}$$

Pool Fire Diameter Calculation

$$A_{\text{dike}} = \pi D^2 / 4$$

$$D = (4 A_{\text{dike}} / \pi)^{1/2}$$

$$D = 2.66 \text{ m}$$

Hypothetical Virtual Origin Calculation

$$z_0/D = -1.02 + 0.083 (Q^{2/5})/D$$

Where

z₀ = virtual origin of the fire (m)

Q = heat release rate of fire (kW)

D = diameter of pool fire (m)

$$z_0/D = 0.36$$

$$z_0 = 0.95 \text{ m}$$

Centerline Plume Temperature Calculation

$$T_{p(\text{centerline})} - T_0 = 9.1 \left(\frac{T_0}{g c_p^2 \rho_0^2} \right)^{1/3} Q_c^{2/3} (z - z_0)^{-5/3}$$

$$T_{p(\text{centerline})} - T_0 = 433.24$$

$$T_{p(\text{centerline})} = 731.24 \text{ K}$$

T_p(centerline) = 458.24°C 856.82°F ANSWER

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INPUT PARAMETERS

Heat Release Rate of the Fire (Q)

9617.00	kW
23.00	ft
40.00	ft ²

7.01
3.72

Distance from the Top of the Fuel to the Ceiling (z)

Area of Combustible Fuel (A_c)

AMBIENT CONDITIONS

Ambient Air Temperature (T₀)

77.00 °F

25.00
298.00

Specific Heat of Air (c_p)

1.00 kJ/kg-K

Ambient Air Density (ρ₀)

1.20 kg/m³

Acceleration of Gravity (g)

9.81 m/sec²

Convective Heat Release Fraction (χ_c)

0.50

ESTIMATING PLUME CENTERLINE TEMPERATURE

Reference: SFPE Handbook of Fire Protection Engineering 2nd Edition (Page 2-9)

$$T_{p(\text{centerline})} - T_0 = 9.1 \left(T_0 / g \ c_p^2 \ \rho_0^2 \right)^{1/3} Q_c^{2/3} (z - z_0)^{-5/3}$$

Where

Q_c = Convective portion of the heat release rate (kW)

T₀ = ambient air temperature (K)

g = acceleration of gravity (m/sec²)

c_p = specific heat of air (kJ/kg-K)

ρ₀ = ambient air density (kg/m³)

z = distance from the top of the fuel package to the ceiling (m)

z₀ = hypothetical virtual origin of the fire (m)

Convective Heat Release Rate Calculation

$$Q_c = \chi_c Q$$

Where

Q = heat release rate of the fire (kW)

χ_c = convective heat release fraction

$$Q_c = 4808.5 \text{ kW}$$

Pool Fire Diameter Calculation

$$A_{\text{dike}} = \pi D^2 / 4$$

$$D = (4 A_{\text{dike}} / \pi)^{1/2}$$

$$D = 2.18 \text{ m}$$

Hypothetical Virtual Origin Calculation

$$z_0 / D = -1.02 + 0.083 (Q^{2/5}) / D$$

Where

z₀ = virtual origin of the fire (m)

Q = heat release rate of fire (kW)

D = diameter of pool fire (m)

$$z_0 / D = 0.48$$

$$z_0 = 1.03 \text{ m}$$

Centerline Plume Temperature Calculation

$$T_p(\text{centerline}) - T_0 = 9.1 \left(T_0 / g c_p^2 \rho_0^2 \right)^{1/3} Q_c^{2/3} (z - z_0)^{-5/3}$$

$$T_p(\text{centerline}) - T_0 = 363.99$$

$$T_p(\text{centerline}) = 661.99 \text{ K}$$

T_p(centerline) = 388.99 °C 732.18 °F ANSWER

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INPUT PARAMETERS

Heat Release Rate of the Fire (Q)

6283.00	kW
23.00	ft
20.00	ft ²

701	ft
1.86	m

Distance from the Top of the Fuel to the Ceiling (z)

Area of Combustible Fuel (A_c)

AMBIENT CONDITIONS

Ambient Air Temperature (T₀)

77.00 °F

25.00	°C
298.00	K

Specific Heat of Air (c_p)

1.00 kJ/kg-K

Ambient Air Density (ρ₀)

1.20 kg/m³

Acceleration of Gravity (g)

9.81 m/sec²

Convective Heat Release Fraction (χ_c)

0.50

ESTIMATING PLUME CENTERLINE TEMPERATURE

Reference: NFPA Handbook of Fire Protection Engineering 2nd Edition (Page 2-9)

$$T_{pl(centerline)} - T_0 = 9.1 \left(T_0/g c_p^2 \rho_0^2 \right)^{1/3} Q_c^{2/3} (z - z_0)^{-5/3}$$

Where

Q_c = Convective portion of the heat release rate (kW)

T₀ = ambient air temperature (K)

g = acceleration of gravity (m/sec²)

c_p = specific heat of air (kJ/kg-K)

ρ₀ = ambient air density (kg/m³)

z = distance from the top of the fuel package to the ceiling (m)

z₀ = hypothetical virtual origin of the fire (m)

Convective Heat Release Rate Calculation

$$Q_c = \chi_c Q$$

Where

Q = heat release rate of the fire (kW)

χ_c = convective heat release fraction

$$Q_c = 3141.5 \text{ kW}$$

Pool Fire Diameter Calculation

$$A_{dike} = \pi D^2 / 4$$

$$D = (4 A_{dike} / \pi)^{1/2}$$

$$D = 1.54 \text{ m}$$

Hypothetical Virtual Origin Calculation

$$z_0/D = -1.02 + 0.083 (Q^{2/5})/D$$

Where

z₀ = virtual origin of the fire (m)

Q = heat release rate of fire (kW)

D = diameter of pool fire (m)

$$z_0/D = 0.76$$

$$z_0 = 1.17 \text{ m}$$

Centerline Plume Temperature Calculation

$$T_p(\text{centerline}) - T_0 = 9.1 \left(\frac{T_0}{g} c_p^2 \rho_0^2 \right)^{1/3} Q_c^{2/3} (z - z_0)^{-5/3}$$

$$T_p(\text{centerline}) - T_0 = 285.14$$

$$T_p(\text{centerline}) = 583.14 \text{ K}$$

T_p(centerline) = 583.14 °C / 590.26 °F ANSWER

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