# **Arc Flash Analysis Benefits**

- Facilities compliance with federal regulations.
- Provides a safer working environment by specifying the proper level of ATPV CAL/CM2 clothing.
- Quickly and easily evaluates alternatives to establish an optimal electrical system design.
- Improves safety margins with userdefinable arcing fault tolerances.
- Aids in avoiding potential fines, lost productivity, and increased insurance and litigation costs.
- Allows for optional overcurrent coordination and equipment evaluation.
- Complete 3-PhaseOne Lines for Facility.
- Provides electrical equipment labeling to meet and exceed NFPA 70E requirements.



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### **National Consensus Standard**

NFPA 70E – Arc Flash Hazard Analysis – An Arc flash hazard analysis shall determine the arc flash boundary, the incident energy at the working distance, and the personal protective equipment that people within the arc flash boundary shall use.

### **Compliance Directives**

**Insurance Carriers** – Insurance carriers require this evaluation and certification to protect employees from harm and a company from liability due to noncompliance of federal law and third-party litigation.

Mandatory Regulations – National Electric Code
NEC requires field identification of all electrical
distribution devices indicating the potential for flash
hazards. All new electrical installations covered by the
NEC are bound by this requirement.

Consensus Standards – National Fire Protection Association NFPA-70E mandates electrical safe work practices for employees. This includes identification of potential electrical hazards and the implementation and training regarding specified personal protective equipment (PPE) for all employees exposed to potential electrical hazards.

**Federal Law** – Department of Occupation Safety and Health Administration It is important to note that OSHA issues citations to companies who do not comply with OSHA electrical safety standards.

**Mine Safety and Health Administration** – On July 16, 2007, MSHA issued a notice that electrical miners must us "Arc- Flash" PPE according to NFPA 70E.

**State Law -** Ohio PERRP – Public Employment Risk Reduction Program adopted the OSHA electrical standard.



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# ARC FLASH — WHAT IS IT?

An arc flash is a dangerous condition associated with the explosive release of energy caused by an electrical arc due to either a phase-to-ground or phase-to-phase fault.

Many Factors can stimulate either of these faults: dropped tools, accidental contact with electrical systems, conductive dust buildup, improper work procedures, or corrosion.

#### **ARC FLASH – STATISTICS**

Every day in the United States 5 to 10 arc flash explosions occur.

The abundance of low voltage equipment in commercial and industrial facilities account for the greatest number of arc flash incident. Persons in an arc flash explosion can experience severe injuries and loss of life.

#### **ARC FLASH - FACILITY OWNERS**

Facility owners along with maintenance and safety personnel should establish electrical safe work practices to prevent arc flash incidents.

Are you compliant with current federal laws?



"Is your company protecting your most important assets – your employees"





# **Electrical Safety Services**

- Arc Flash Hazard Analysis –
   (Utilizing SKM Power Tools Software IEEE 1584)
- Short Circuit Analysis
- Protective Device Coordination Studies
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### Mandatory Regulations

NEC 110.16 - Arc Flash Hazard Warning

OSHA Regulations (Standard-29-CFR) 1910.331-335 and 1910.302-308 and NFPA 70E

OSHA Part 1910.132(d)(1) – "The employer shall assess the workplace to determine if hazards are present, or are likely to be present, which necessitate the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). If such hazards are present, or likely to be present the employer shall..."

OSHA Part 1910.132(d)(2) – "The employer shall verify that the required workplace hazard assessment has been performed through a written certification that: identifies the workplace evaluated; the person certifying that the evaluation has been performed; the date(s) of the hazard assessment; and, which identifies the document as a certification of hazard assessment."

OSHA Part 1910.335(1)(I) – "Employees working in areas where there are potential electrical hazards shall be provided with, and shall use, electrical protective equipment that is appropriate for the specific parts of the body to be protected and for the work to be performed."

PERRP ORC 4167.04 – "Public employers' duty to provide safe employment: (A) Each public employer shall: (1) Furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his public employees."