

**Federal Building and Fire Safety Investigation  
of the World Trade Center Disaster**

**RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS  
ON  
NCSTAR 1-7**

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## Public Comments (Project #7)

- Number of comments received : 95
- Number of commenters: 25

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- Changes to NCSTAR 1:
  - Recommendation 20: Stairwell navigation devices changed to stair descent devices to be consistent with existing code language.
  
- Changes to NCSTAR 1-7A, 1-7B: None

## Public Comments on NCSTAR 1-7

- Consistency of decedent analysis.
  - Changes reflected in NCSTAR 1-7
- Description of egress system, 1993 response, and emergency procedures.
  - Changes reflected in NCSTAR 1-7

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- Data collection methods
  - Comments identified other available data collection methods that NIST could have used
  - No change made since investigation is complete
- Data analysis techniques
  - Comments identified other data analysis methods that NIST could have used
  - No changes made since investigation is complete
- Mobility impaired terminology
  - Changes reflected in NCSTAR 1-7

# Public Comments on NCSTAR 1-7

- ESU / WTC evacuees
  - Changes reflected in principal findings of NCSTAR 1-7  
“While the origin of the occupants remains unclear, on 11 occupants who started evacuating below the impact region were known not to have survived.”
- Several grammatical and typographical edits
  - Changes reflected in NCSTAR 1-7