



# State Fire Marshal's Office

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West Texas A&M University  
Attn: President Walter Wendler  
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Re: Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

Dear President Wendler,

The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) has reviewed your response to the inspection reports 13850 and 13883 for the West Texas A&M University Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. Following your response and the meeting held on March 12, 2025, the SFMO requires a detailed timeline to be submitted within seven days outlining the corrective actions for the violations listed below. These violations pose significant safety risks and must be addressed promptly. The SFMO also requests that the building remain closed to the public until the violations are resolved or an approved plan of action is in place.

## **Violations Requiring Immediate Correction:**

1. **Storage Removal:** All storage must be removed, as the current sprinkler system is not designed to handle the existing fire load in the building.
2. **Exit Stairs and Landings:** All exit stairs and landings must be cleared of combustible storage materials.
3. **Electrical System Evaluation:** A certified electrician must evaluate the building's electrical system.
4. **Fire-Rated Partition Openings:** All openings in fire-rated partitions, including those caused by wiring, doors, or windows, must be corrected immediately.
5. **Fire Protection Systems:** All fire protection systems must be inspected, tested, and maintained.
6. **Sprinkler System Installation:** A fire sprinkler system compliant with NFPA 13 must be installed throughout the entire building where it is currently absent, designed to meet the building's intended use.
7. **Fire Alarm System Compliance:** Ensure the fire alarm system is installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 72.

8. **Means of Egress:** All means of egress must be cleared of furnishings, storage, and other obstructions.

9. **Exit Door Direction:** All doors in the means of egress must open in the direction of exit discharge.

10. **Stair Protection:** Stairs must be adequately protected.

11. **Occupancy Separation:** Ensure proper fire-rated separation between different occupancies.

12. **Flammable Materials:** All flammable and combustible materials must be removed from the building immediately.

Failure to submit and gain approval for a corrective action plan may result in the issuance of a Fire Marshal Order, requiring the complete closure of the building to both employees and visitors.

Please let me know if you have any question. You may communicate your plan with SFMO Inspections at [FireInspection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:FireInspection@tdi.texas.gov).

Regards,

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