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Dear Madam or Sir,

To the question: "Is the NFC17-102 still active in France?" The answer is yes.

The standard dealing with the lightning protection by Early Streamer Emission (ESE) has no reason to disappear from French standard's list.

We know that this interrogation comes from some scientists who try to discredit the ESE principle. These arguments are not based on real test and real scientific approach. No one is today able to demonstrate that an ESE principal is not efficient.

By opposition experience of millions of buildings already protected by ESE since 20 years, can prove that this technology is well defined in NFC 17-102.

This last point is sufficient to keep ESE standard active in France and in many other countries.

Sincerely yours,



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