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### IEEE Std 3007.2

The research and analysis of the optimum maintenance program for electrical equipment have been ongoing tasks of the maintenance manager for as long as electrical equipment has been used to support facility or plant operation. In spite of the findings from decades of analysis, maintenance programs still vary from breakdown maintenance programs to sophisticated preventive maintenance programs. Preventive maintenance programs may include predictive maintenance as well as a more sophisticated reliability-centered program. The many variables, from the types of electrical equipment to the types of applications in which they are used, make the universal definition of an exact maintenance program difficult. It is believed almost universally, however, that some form of maintenance is necessary.

<sup>a</sup> Information on references can be found in Clause 2.

<sup>b</sup> The numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers of the bibliography in Annex A.

NFPA 70B-2006 [B45] states the following:

“Electrical equipment deterioration is normal, but equipment failure is not inevitable. As soon as new equipment is installed, a process of normal deterioration begins. Unchecked, the deterioration process can cause malfunction or an electrical failure.”

It is necessary to control equipment deterioration in order to maintain the use for which the equipment and systems were originally designed and installed. Although most parties would agree that preventive maintenance is necessary for the reliability of electrical power systems, there remains a wide disparity about the content of a preventive maintenance program.

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## 2. Normative references

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IEEE P3007.3<sup>TM</sup>/D1, April 2010, Recommended Practice for Electrical Safety of Industrial and Commercial Power Systems.<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

IEEE Std 902<sup>TM</sup>-1998, IEEE Guide for Maintenance, Operations and Safety of Industrial and Commercial Power Systems (*The Yellow Book*).

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