



Broadcasting Companies

Channel 4

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About Channel 4

An Act of Parliament created channel 4 in 1982. Today, more than three-quarters of the UK's population watch Channel 4 services in the course of an average week. It transmits on all digital platforms (terrestrial, satellite and cable) as well as through conventional analogue transmission across the whole of the UK, except some parts of Wales that are covered by the Welsh language S4C.

Channel 4 is a publisher/broadcaster. It does not produce its own programmes but commissions them from more than 300 independent production companies right across the UK, making it the major stimulus and outlet for Britain's highly successful independent production sector. It invests heavily in training and talent development throughout the industry.

Having made such a high investment in its products and services, Channel 4 recognised that they needed to upgrade sections of their fire protection systems in order to ensure business continuity.

Why Channel 4 chose Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions INERGEN Premier System

Paul Harbord, Facilities Manager for Channel 4 explained his decision to choose Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions. "We needed ten gaseous fire suppression systems installing within Transformer Rooms, Communication Rooms and DCR Rooms etc. across a number of sites outside normal working hours". "Any disruption within the buildings would have caused immense operational problems"

"Having worked previously with Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions, the world's leading provider of gaseous fire suppression systems, we were confident they would meet our demanding requirements".

"With the INERGEN Premier 300bar system, the latest brand development from TF&IS, we not only maintained continuity of both product and supplier, we achieved major benefits, in terms of cylinder space requirements and Fire Detection and Alarm intelligence".

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About the British Broadcasting Company

The British Broadcasting Company started life in 1922, when the government licensed the UK's six major radio manufacturers to form the new outfit. It had a staff of four, and was financed by a Post Office licence fee of 10 shillings, payable by anyone owning a receiver, and supplemented by royalties on radio sales.

The BBC took up its home at Broadcasting House in London in 1932. Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions (TF&IS) have been involved in two major installations so far at this site, which has been completely rebuilt.

Why the BBC chose Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions

The BBC wanted to implement an integrated risk management approach to their fire protection requirements that not only looked at the life safety needs of their staff but also addressed the fire detection and extinguishment of a potential fire within "mission critical" areas.

With this in mind, the BBC turned to Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions. The TF&IS the Gas & Electrics Division and major contracts sprinkler division operating out of Slough worked closely together to provide a number of Inergen systems within "mission critical" areas and a sprinkler system throughout the entire site.

In the newly developed "Egerton House" adjoining Broadcasting House, a High Pressure Watermist System has been installed to protect the Generators. The system is a pumped system with AFFF foam injected for additional protection.

In addition to Broadcasting House, TF&IS has been extensively involved in the integrated fire protection of many of the regional BBC centres which have included BBC Caversham located in Reading, Berkshire.

This has also included the Television Centre in Shepherd's Bush, west London and Western House, which is located in Great Portland Street just behind new Broadcasting House.

The major factor in choosing Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions was our ability to work across a number of sites outside normal working hours". "Any disruption within the buildings would have caused the BBC immense operational problems"

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