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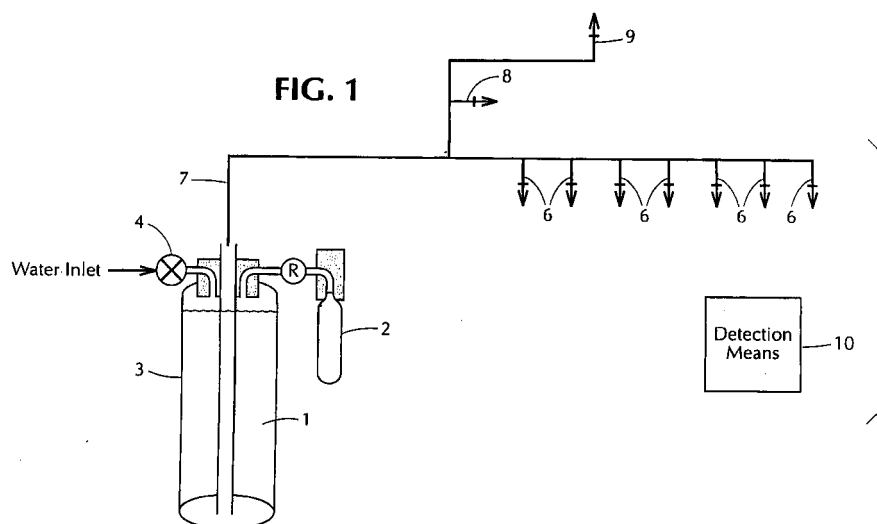
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(54) **Fire suppression system**

(57) The present invention relates to a fire suppression system and method in which an extinguishing agent is automatically discharged from a limited source of supply of the wet chemical extinguishing agent for rapid extinguishment of the fire, followed by water application to the locus of the fire from an unlimited source of supply of water. The subsequent automatic application of water provides rapid cooling of the hot burning material below its reflash temperature. The present hybrid

system exploits the best fire suppression properties of both agents against fires i.e. the wet chemical extinguishing agent provides rapid flame extinguishment and water provides rapid cooling following extinguishment. The present hybrid system is significantly more robust (fire test variables are less critical to its fire suppression performance) than current water or wet chemical agent systems.



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