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### **Borough Office Spotlight**

On April 27, 2006, <u>Christopher M. Santulli, P.E</u> was appointed as the Acting Borough Commissioner for Manhattan. Mr. Santulli is a Professional Engineer with over nineteen years of experience dealing with commercial, industrial and institutional buildings. Mr. Santulli previously served the City as Deputy Manhattan Borough Commissioner, where he utilized his diverse background in consulting and change management to catalyze the Commissioner's reforms in the borough office. Mr. Santulli will be assisted by two deputy commissioners, Deputy Borough Commissioner <u>Dileep Khedekar, P.E</u> and <u>Max S. Lee, P.E</u>. Together, Mr. Khedekar and Mr. Lee have over 30 years of experience in structural engineering and building design.

## Letter of No Objection (LNO) Status is Now Available on BISWeb

BISWeb now immediately reflects the status of your LNO. Check BISWeb for the most convenient way to obtain a Letter of No Objection's approval status. This is just another way we are making it easier for you to do business with us. Read the <u>service announcement</u> (95 kb-pdf) for instructions on how to find the status of your LNO.

#### **Minor Variations Don't Require a PAA**

The Department of Buildings is unclogging the Post Approval Amendment (PAA) process by allowing <u>minor variations</u> to be made without having to file a revised Schedule B. This overview provides a glimpse of what can be done without filing a PAA. View the <u>service notice</u> (36 kb-pdf) for more information.

### **Buildings Elevator Director Represents United States at** International Elevator Safety Conference

On May 2, 2006, Harry Vyas, the Director of the Department of Buildings <u>Elevator Division</u>, represented the United States at the International Seminar for Elevator Safety Systems in Seoul, Korea. The international seminar was organized by the Korean Elevator Safety Institute. Elevator safety representatives were invited from the United States, Japan, Germany, Canada and Australia to give presentations about their country's elevator safety systems and code enforcement. In New York City, the Buildings Department accomplishes its high standard of

service through different types of inspections and accident investigations. To ensure the integrity of inspections performed, Buildings also implements quality assurance inspections. To view <u>photos</u> and learn more information about the conference, visit the <u>News & Services page</u> of the website.

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