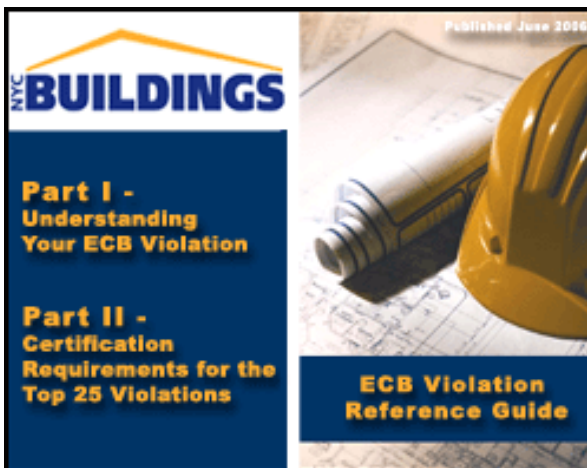


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Buildings Department Publishes First of its Kind Violation Reference Guide



In an ongoing effort to make it easier for you to do business with us, the Department of Buildings has created an ECB Violation Reference Guide to provide a general understanding of Environment Control Board (ECB) Violations. [Part I of the Guide, "Understanding Your ECB Violation,"](#) answers the most commonly asked questions about the ECB process to help you correct violating conditions quickly and efficiently.

Part I also includes a list of the Top 25 most common ECB violations. [Part 2, "Certification Requirements for the Top 25 ECB Violations"](#) takes a look at these 25 most common infractions and provides specific information on how to correct each.

Part I is available in hard copy (limited quantities) at the Borough offices and at the Administrative Enforcement Unit, as well as online at www.nyc.gov/buildings. **Part II is available online only.** For more information, read the [press release](#), the [ECB Violation Reference Guide Overview](#).

Cranes & Derricks Refund Request Application is Now Available Online

The Buildings Department is committed to making it easier to do business with us by providing all of our forms online. The [Cranes and Derricks Refund Request Application & Instructions](#) are now available online. Customers should use this form to request refunds for overpayments made on applications and permits. For more information, download a copy of the [application](#) (85

kb-pdf) and the [instructions](#) (19 kb-pdf).

Buildings Hosts High Performance Building Seminar

On Tuesday, June 27, 2006, the Buildings Department hosted an educational seminar given by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). Deborah Taylor, AIA LEED AP, who is the Department of Buildings Executive Director for Special Projects and Materials And Equipment Acceptance (MEA) as well as the Chair of the Model Code Program's Advisory Committee Sustainability, presented an overview of New York City's "Green" initiatives. Suzanne DiGeronimo, FAIA, a member of SAME and the US Green Buildings Council, gave a presentation on investing in sustainable markets. View [photos](#) from the event.

DOI and Buildings Efforts Result in Manhattan Beach Arrests

The mutual efforts of Buildings and DOI resulted in arrests on June 27 of three Manhattan Beach property owners for offering bribes to a Department of Buildings (DOB) investigative inspector to ignore violations of the Building Code. If convicted, each property owner could receive up to seven years in jail. Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster, FAIA said, "The unique partnership between the Department of Buildings and the Department of Investigation once again shows that the architects, engineers, inspectors and experts of the Department of Buildings cannot be bought, in Brooklyn or anywhere else. As part of our targeted enforcement plan to curb illegal construction, in the past year we have stopped 63 jobs in Manhattan Beach for violations of building and zoning laws. We will not be deterred from our mission to ensure the safe and lawful use of buildings and property in New York City." She added, "You will never know where we are going to be and what we are looking for, but if you are doing something wrong, we will find you." For more information, read the [press release](#) (29 kb-pdf).

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