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## What's New

### Manhattan Borough Office Launches B-SCAN



On Monday, October 22, 2007, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster announced the launch of the final phase of the Buildings Scan and Capture Application Network ([B-SCAN](#)) in the Manhattan Borough Office. B-SCAN enables Buildings staff to scan most documents (except for architectural plans) associated with New Building and Alteration jobs for the public and professionals to retrieve online. As a major component of the Department's [2006-2009 Strategic Plan](#) (2,746 kb-pdf), B-SCAN has already been implemented in the [Bronx](#), [Brooklyn](#), [Queens](#) and [Staten Island](#). Since it was first launched in April 2007, more than 5,732 construction permit applications have been scanned. That's more than 63,161 pieces of paper now available to you online via [BISWeb](#)! View the Manhattan B-SCAN [press release](#) for more information.

### Outdoor Electric and Gas Meter Requirements

#### Dedicated to Safety

To protect public safety, the Buildings Department, Con Edison and Keyspan have created coordinated requirements for outdoor gas and electric meter installation to ensure these meters do not obstruct driveways and sidewalks. View the [service announcement](#) (30 kb-pdf) for more information.

### New Electrical Code Interpretation Request Form

#### Making It Easier

To streamline our services, the [Electrical Division](#) has created [ED-76](#), a new form enabling applicants to request interpretations or clarifications of the [Electrical Code Technical Standards](#). View the [service announcement](#) (19 kb-pdf) to learn more.

### Construction Superintendent Registration

#### Dedicated to Safety

To ensure construction sites are supervised by qualified individuals, beginning January 2, 2008, all New Building and Demolition applications for buildings 14 stories and below will be required to have a registered Construction Superintendent named in section 9a of the [PW-2](#) form. For more information, view the Construction Superintendent Registration [fact sheet](#) (37 kb-pdf) and

[press release](#).

## New Technical Report (TR-1): Statement of Responsibility Form

**Making It Easier**

To ensure accurate submission and certification of required controlled inspections, the Buildings Department is launching a revised, streamlined [TR-1 Form](#) (143 kb-pdf) on October 31, 2007. View the [service announcement](#) (25 kb-pdf) for more information.

## ***Buildings Around Town***

### **Mechanical Contractors Association Meeting**

On October 23, 2007, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster spoke at the Mechanical Contractors Association meeting, leading a discussion on new initiatives, the new High Rise Safety Team and the Department's use of Stop Work Orders. The [Mechanical Contractors Association](#) is an organization that provides a voice to mechanical contracting firms and encourages education, professional development and peer recognition.

### **Concrete Industry Board Meeting**



On October 4, 2007, Buildings Technical Affairs Engineer Gus Sirakis, PE, SECB, delivered a [presentation](#) (3,972 kb-pdf) on the new [NYC Construction Codes](#) at the Concrete Industry Board meeting. His presentation focused on concrete provisions in the new Codes. The [Concrete Industry Board](#) is an organization that promotes the use of quality concrete and is dedicated to ensuring the highest quality concrete design and construction. To learn more about the new NYC Construction Codes [training initiative](#), view the [press release](#).

## ***Did You Know?***

Did you know [Rule 52](#) (38 kb-pdf) requires all contractors conducting excavation work to notify the Buildings Department 24 to 48 hours before commencing work? Contractors must call (212) 227-4416 to report the date and time of the proposed excavation. To learn more, view the Rule 52 [fact sheet](#) (33 kb-pdf).

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