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## What's New

### Aggressive Legislative Agenda to Enhance Construction Site Safety



In a City Hall press conference on June 4, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Speaker Christine C. Quinn and Acting Buildings Commissioner Robert D. LiMandri announced an aggressive legislative agenda that will equip the Buildings Department with additional oversight and enforcement tools to advance construction safety in New York City. The centerpiece of this comprehensive safety agenda focuses on the highest-risk construction operations and enhances oversight of general contractors

and the concrete and demolition trades. Once enacted, this legislation will empower the Buildings Department to track general contractors and concrete and demolition subcontractors by a mandatory safety control number - better enabling the Department to halt contractors who repeatedly and recklessly put the public and construction workers at risk. To learn more, view the Mayor's Office [press release](#).

### Job Fair: Licensed Engineers

Information You Need To Know



On June 17, the Department is hosting a [job fair](#) (328 kb-pdf) for licensed engineers at 49-51 Chambers Street in Manhattan, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Applicants may also email their résumé to [recruit@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:recruit@buildings.nyc.gov). Visit the [Career Opportunities](#) section of our website to learn more about the [benefits](#) of working at the Buildings Department and to view [job postings](#).

### Draft Revised Forms Now Available Online

Information You Need To Know

Beginning July 1, applicants will be required to file a number of new, revised forms. To provide applicants an opportunity to familiarize themselves with these revised forms, draft versions of the following forms are now available on our website: [PW1](#), [Schedule A](#), [Schedule B](#) and [TR1](#).

In addition, both versions of the TR1 will remain available on our website after July 1, as the appropriate version to use depends upon the application's filing status with the Department. View the [service announcement](#) (24 kb-pdf) for more information about when to use the new and old versions of the TR1.

## B-SCAN Expansion

Making It Easier



To further advance Buildings Department transparency, beginning June 23 we are expanding the Buildings Scan and Capture Application Network ([B-SCAN](#)) system to Demolitions, Place of Assembly, Signs and Subdivisions forms. B-SCAN enables applicants and the public to view most job filing documents online, via BISWeb. View our B-SCAN expansion [service notice](#) (24 kb-pdf).

## Special Inspections & Approved Agencies: Proposed Rule Hearings

Information You Need To Know



As the July 1, 2008 implementation of the [New NYC Construction Codes](#) nears, the Department is holding public hearings on upcoming Special Inspections and Approved Agency requirements. A public hearing on the proposed Special Inspections [Rule](#) will be held June 20, at 280 Broadway at 1:30pm, and a public hearing on the proposed Approved Agency [Rule](#) will be held June 23, at 280 Broadway at 2:00pm. For more information on Special Inspections and Approved Agencies, view our Special Inspections [fact sheet](#) (276 kb-pdf) and Approved Agencies [fact sheet](#) (304 kb-pdf) in the [Code Compass](#) section of our website.

## New Filing Representative ID

Information You Need To Know

The Buildings Department will be registering and issuing new filing representative identification cards, replacing the existing expediter cards. Beginning December 31, the Department will only issue filing representative cards, and filing representatives who fail to obtain one by December 31 will not be permitted to conduct business with the Department. To learn more about the new identification cards, please view the [service notice](#) (29 kb-pdf).

## Buildings Bulletins

Information You Need To Know



With the upcoming New NYC Construction Codes implementation, Policy and Procedure Notices, Directives and Memoranda will be phased out and replaced by Buildings Bulletins. Buildings Bulletins will include code and zoning interpretations, bulletins from the [Office of Technical Certification and Research](#) and administrative and operational bulletins. These documents represent official Buildings Department policies and assist our customers and employees in following operational, technical and legal procedures.

## General Contractor Registration

Information You Need To Know



The Buildings Department has launched a [new registration program](#) for general contractors seeking permits to erect one-, two- or three-family homes. This requirement goes into effect November 1, 2008, and it applies to all one-, two- and three-family home general contractors, including contractors who already have a tracking number with a borough office. Old tracking numbers will be invalid beginning November 1. To

learn more, view our General Contractor [FAQs](#) (53 kb-pdf).

## Licensing Term and Fee Changes

Information You Need To Know

Beginning July 1, Hoist Machine Operator, Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor and Master Plumber license application fees are increasing. Licensees whose applications are processed after this date will receive a three-year license term, instead of the current one-year term. View the License Term and Fee Changes [fact sheet](#) (24 kb-pdf) for more information.

Concrete Testing Laboratories' annual license renewal fees will also increase. To learn more, view the Licensing Fee Changes [fact sheet](#) (35 kb).

## Site Safety Coordinator Certification

Dedicated to Safety



On June 2, the Department began certifying Site Safety Coordinators. Site Safety Coordinators will be responsible for supervising construction and demolition of 10- to 14- story buildings. To better process Site Safety Coordinator Certification applications, the Licensing Unit now provides extended service hours every Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Applicants may set an appointment by

calling (212) 566-4100. For more information, view the Site Safety Coordinator [service announcement](#) (42 kb-pdf), the Extended Hours for Certification [service announcement](#) (29 kb-pdf), and our [How to Become a Site Safety Coordinator](#) guide (35 kb-pdf).

## Setting a Higher Standard for Construction

Information You Need To Know



Under the [New NYC Construction Codes](#), agencies performing tests and inspections of materials, equipment, construction-related activities and periodic maintenance must be approved, licensed and meet qualifications under

Department [Rules](#). To learn about approved agencies and testing and inspection of materials and equipment, visit the [Code Compass](#) section of our website. Read upcoming editions of [Buildings News](#) and [Code Compass](#) to learn about Elevator Inspection, Boiler Inspection and Exterior Wall Inspection Approved Agencies.

## Brooklyn DA Indictment

### Information You Need To Know

On June 11, the Brooklyn District Attorney announced the indictment of building owner William Lattarulo for his role in a collapse that killed a construction worker at 795 Glenmore Avenue in Brooklyn. The indictment charges that during the construction of a new building Lattarulo failed to properly support and underpin a neighboring building's foundation, causing it to collapse. To learn more, view the Brooklyn District Attorney's [press release](#) (35 kb-pdf).

## Training & Workshops

### Site Safety in the New NYC Building Code

#### Dedicated to Safety



On June 19, Buildings Department technical experts will provide an overview of the New Codes, highlighting site safety issues and answering questions. This important program will be held at 2 Broadway, on the 20th floor, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Seating is limited. For reservations or further information, email [dinav@sq-plus.com](mailto:dinav@sq-plus.com) or call (212) 868-3239.

### BuildingsNY Convention

#### Information You Need To Know

Meet Buildings Department Code experts at the upcoming [BuildingsNY](#) convention at the [Jacob K. Javits Convention Center](#) June 17 and 18. Department technical experts will be on hand to answer questions and provide topical [New NYC Construction Codes](#) materials. The [International Code Council](#) (ICC) is also participating and will answer questions and take orders for the New Codes books. See the [flyer](#) (54 kb-pdf) for more information.

### Structural Changes in the New Codes Seminar

#### Information You Need To Know

On June 24, Buildings Department Codes experts and the committee members who helped develop the New Codes will deliver presentations on the different chapters of the New Codes at a seminar hosted by the [Structural Engineers Association of New York](#). Registration for the event is required. Click [here](#) to register for the event.

## ***Buildings Around Town***

### **Russian & Ukraine Delegation Visits NYC Buildings Department**



On June 9, 2008, Buildings Department code and energy experts met with senior building officials and scientists from Russia and Ukraine. The delegation is visiting to discuss building and energy codes and efficient building practices in New York and the United States. Buildings Department Chief Sustainability Officer Deborah Taylor, RA, LEED AP and Executive Director of Code Affairs Helen Gitelson and New

York State Department of State Division of [Code Enforcement and Administration](#) Director Ron Piester, AIA met with the delegation. Read the participants' [biographies](#) (153 kb-pdf) and program [presentation](#) (3,324 kb-pdf).

### **How to Comply with the City's Building Code**



On May 15, 2008, Buildings Department Deputy Commissioner [Phyllis Arnold](#) and Assistant Commissioner Benjamin Jones delivered a presentation on the New Codes at the "How to Comply with the City's New Building Code" event hosted by the [New York County Lawyer's Association](#) and co-sponsored by the [Rent Stabilization Association](#) and [Community Housing Improvement Program](#). The [presentation](#)

(1,229 kb-pdf) emphasized [New Codes](#) provisions that will take effect on July 1, 2008, as well as other Codes issues of interest to the audience of lawyers, property owners and managers. View [photos](#) from the event.

### **The New NYC Building Code**



On May 6, 2008, Deputy Commissioner [Fatma Amer](#), PE and Codes experts delivered a presentation on the New Codes at the [Queens chapter of AIA](#). The Department experts discussed [Fire Protection](#) (463 kb-pdf), [Means of Egress](#) (1,770 kb-pdf) and [Accessibility](#) (3,258 kb-pdf) requirements under the [New NYC Building Code](#) that will be implemented on July 1, 2008.

## ***Reminder***

### **Demolition Requirements**

#### **Information You Need To Know**

The Buildings Department will not issue demolition permits unless the applicant has filed an [ACP-5](#) or [ASB-4](#) as part of the [demolition filing requirements](#) (21 kb-pdf). An [ACP-7](#) will not satisfy the filing requirements for a demolition permit. For more information, please visit the Department of Environmental Protection's [asbestos filing requirements](#) web page.

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

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Did you know that we have reclassified ECB violations to better focus on serious offenses and offenders? On May 19, our new [Violation Reclassification and Certificate of Correction Rule](#), which goes into effect July 1, 2008, was adopted. To learn more, visit the [New Codes Rules](#) section of our website.

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