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BUILDINGS NEWS

What's New

Department Developing Worker Safety Campaign



On November 25, Commissioner LiMandri announced that the Department is developing a [new citywide worker safety campaign](#) with "Stay Connected" as the central message. The campaign is aimed at urging construction workers to use their safety harnesses and lifelines at all times while working on a job site. Over the coming weeks, various print, radio and television ads - in English and Spanish - will be seen throughout the city in ongoing efforts to promote construction safety.

Stop Work Order Program

Information You Need To Know

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On November 25, Commissioner LiMandri announced a new program that outlines Department policies for rescinding Stop Work Orders. This program is designed to streamline communication between the Department and the construction industry and better ensure construction sites are maintained in a safe manner. As

part of this program, a DOB Stop Work Order Coordinator will serve as the point of contact for a job site's project executive and help provide industry members with the requirements to lift the Stop Work Order. This program, which becomes effective December 15, 2008, applies to all buildings under construction and demolition participating in the Department's Site Safety Program that receive full Stop Work Orders.

Requirements for OSHA Class Extended

Information You Need To Know

On November 20, Commissioner LiMandri signed Executive Order 8/08 which extended the deadline for compliance with new training requirements for workers at certain construction sites. Under [Local Law 41 of 2008](#) (PDF), all workers at "major buildings" (as defined by the New [NYC Construction Codes](#)) are required to complete a 10-hour course in construction safety approved by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. To allow sufficient time for all workers to undergo training, the Executive Order extends the deadline to complete this training to July 1, 2009.

December NCCCO Examinations

Dedicated to Safety

As part of new criteria announced in October for individuals seeking a Class C Hoist Machine Operator license, certification must be obtained from the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO). You can obtain this certification in any state where examinations are offered. The next examination available in New York City is scheduled for December 3 and December 6. Visit www.nccco.org to register.

Concrete Manager Soon to be Required

Dedicated to Safety

To promote safer concrete operations, beginning January 1, 2009, a concrete safety manager [must be designated](#) (PDF) on all "major buildings" (as defined by the New [NYC Construction Codes](#)) during the concrete portion of the project. The Department is in the process of establishing the [specific registration qualifications](#) (PDF) for [concrete safety managers](#) (PDF).

New Site Safety Requirements

Dedicated to Safety

To ensure construction sites are properly maintained, beginning January 1, 2009, the [Department will require](#) (PDF) certain inspections be conducted on all high-rise construction sites and mandate two new site safety logs (maintenance log and permit log) be maintained by a licensed site safety manager.

Stop Work Order Penalties Increased

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Recent legislation [increased](#) (PDF) the penalties for violating a Stop Work Order. The first violation of a Stop Work Order carries a fine of \$5,000 and any violation thereafter carries a fine of \$10,000. No Stop Work Order will be rescinded until these penalties have been paid.

New Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Waiver Required

Information You Need To Know

The Buildings Department now only accepts the "Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from New York State Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage (CE-200)" application as [proof of exemption](#) (PDF) from Workers' Compensation and Disability requirements.

Buildings Around Town

Department Attends BTEA Annual Safety Conference



On November 25, Buildings Commissioner Robert LiMandri participated in a panel on construction safety priorities and strategies for reform at the Building Trades Employers' Association's annual safety conference. This year's conference focused on recently enacted city safety legislation and its impact on contractors and labor. Assistant Commissioner for Engineering &

Emergency Operations Michael Alacha, Buildings Senior Counsel Stephen Kramer, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Engineering & Safety Operations Chris Santulli, Cranes & Derricks Executive Director Jason Ocharsky, Construction Site-Safety Executive Director Tom Connors and Project Manager Bill Kendall also spoke at the event on topics that included new crane regulations, the New NYC Construction Codes and enhanced fire safety protections.

Reminders

General Contractor Registration

Information You Need To Know



To promote public safety and ensure construction work is performed by registered, insured individuals, all contractors seeking permits to build one-, two- or three-family homes must [register](#) (pdf) with the Buildings Department. View our [How to Become a NYC Registered General Contractor guide](#) to learn more.

Special Inspections and the TR1

Information You Need To Know

If your job was at approved status as of June 30, 2008, at least one permit for the job must be pulled before January 1, 2009, or you must comply with the NYC Construction Codes' Special and Progress Inspection requirements and file the new [TR1 form](#). If you have several related BIS jobs for a single project, only the individual BIS jobs where a permit has been pulled on that specific BIS job number before January 1, 2009 will not require the submission of a new TR1.

Did You Know?

Did you know that as of January 1, 2009 several changes at the Buildings Department will go into effect? Many of these changes are designed to advance safety and affect how you do business with the Buildings Department. Check the [website](#) for more details!

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