



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

EAP Industry Notice # 3 **April 2, 2007** **First Anniversary RCNY 6-02**

The first anniversary of the promulgation of RCNY 6-02 is quickly approaching. Looking back, there were a myriad of emotions shared by many over the enactment of the Emergency Action Plan. Whether you were filled with anxiety or trepidation, or you felt a sense of relief, one thing was certain, the biggest step in 30 years for high rise office building safety was becoming law. The FDNY has been receiving Emergency Action Plans for 7 months and the EAP unit feels it is time to recap and explain the steps of the past. We also want to inform you of the future steps and enlighten you with regards to there necessity.

The Emergency Action Plan is an extremely comprehensive plan. Its aim is to delineate the procedures for safeguarding the building occupants. There are several aspects of the plan which surpass the level of preparedness required to be demonstrated in the fire safety plan. New concepts and language were introduced which take time to reconcile.

The Bureau of Fire Prevention understands the complexity of the Rule and the challenges its compliance presents to building management. Our goal is to aid and guide you to compliance via plan review. With the ultimate goal being an increased level of safety in your buildings. The "Letter of Objection" was created precisely, as a step, towards achieving this goal. It offers the preparer an opportunity to have the plan reviewed, and commented on, with out incurring any additional fee. This approach has proven successful for some. However, the majority of the plans have required more intervention than anticipated. In addition, many of the revised submittals are incomplete. Clearly a change in strategy is required.

Effective immediately, all plans will be reviewed and if necessary, a "Letter of Objection" will be issued. A new thirty day compliance will allow sufficient time for all objections to be rectified. All subsequent reviews conducted, which culminate in any thing less than a "Conditional Acceptance", will result in a "Letter of Deficiency". The building owner or managing agent will be issued an invoice for the plan review at the rate of \$210 per hour to a maximum of \$525.

By order of,
Chief of Fire Prevention