



BUILDINGS 2020-010 BULLETIN OPERATIONAL

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PURPOSE: This bulletin provides updated guidance to owners and contractors regarding the reopening of sites whose operations were suspended due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency.

RELATED CODE/ZONING SECTION(S): AC 28-103.8 BC 3301.2
AC 28-201.1 BC 3301.5

SUBJECT(S): Suspended work, interrupted work, COVID-19, New York State Gubernatorial Emergency Order 202.6, New York City Mayoral Emergency Order 103, securing construction or demolition site, site maintenance

I. BACKGROUND & APPLICABILITY

This bulletin provides guidance to owners and contractors regarding the reopening of sites whose operations were suspended pursuant to New York State Gubernatorial Emergency Order 202.6 and subsequent orders and related Empire State Development Corporation guidelines, New York City Mayoral Emergency Order 103 and subsequent mayoral emergency orders, or as otherwise warranted due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency.

II. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

All applicable guidance from local, state, and federal health officials must be followed.

III. RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS

As construction and demolition sites resume operations under "Phase 1" and subsequent reopening phases, the following measures shall apply:

- Until operations resume, continue to follow the requirements of [Buildings Bulletin 2020-006](#), or subsequent bulletins.
- Once operations resume, follow all requirements of Chapter 33 of the Building Code and related rules, and other applicable laws, in order to safeguard the site.
- If your site resumes operations, but subsequently must suspend operations again due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency:

- Notify the Department upon the suspension of operations.
- Follow the requirements of **Buildings Bulletin 2020-006**, or subsequent bulletins, until operations resume.
- If operations do not resume within three months of the subsequent suspension, the site will be considered to be “interrupted or abandoned and discontinued” under the provisions of Section 3303.13 of the Building Code.

IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR SITES THAT REMAIN SUSPENDED

The following provisions shall apply to sites that remain suspended and do not resume construction operations:

- Until operations resume, continue to follow the requirements of **Buildings Bulletin 2020-006**, or subsequent bulletins.
- Once operations resume, follow all requirements of Chapter 33 of the Building Code and related rules, and other applicable laws, in order to safeguard the site.
- If operations do not resume within three months of the suspension, the site will be considered to be “interrupted or abandoned and discontinued” under the provisions of Section 3303.13 of the Building Code.

V. REQUIREMENTS FOR SITES THAT ARE “INTERRUPTED OR ABANDONED AND DISCONTINUED”

All provisions shall apply to sites that are “interrupted or abandoned and discontinued” under Section 3303.13 of the Building Code, including but not limited to the following:

- The site must be secured with a fence in accordance with Section 3303.13.1 of the Building Code.
- A safety monitoring plan for the site shall be prepared and submitted to the department in accordance with Section 3303.13.2 of the Building Code. The monitoring plan shall cover all applicable items in Sections III, IV, and V of Buildings Bulletin 2020-006, or subsequent bulletins, as well as all applicable items in Section 3303.13.2 of the Building Code.
- The site shall be monitored in accordance with the safety monitoring plan.
- Inspections of sites that are “interrupted or abandoned and discontinued” shall be performed at least monthly.
- Submittal of inspection reports to the department for sites that are “interrupted or abandoned and discontinued” shall occur at least monthly.
- Sites shall be filled and graded or otherwise secured in accordance with Section 3303.13.3 of the Building Code.