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Mr. David Mozur
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Re: Smoke Detectors in Patient Bedrooms
of Fully Sprinklered Hospitals

Dear Mr. Mozur:

This is in response to your letter dated September 26, 1991 regarding the requirements of sprinklers and smoke detectors in hospitals.

The intent of the law was to have sprinklers in patient rooms if required by other provisions of the Building Code. When sprinklers are not required in patient rooms, the intent of the law was to provide either sprinkler or smoke detectors.

Therefore, sprinklers in patient rooms in a fully sprinklered hospital building will be acceptable without smoke detectors.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George C. Sakona".

George C. Sakona, P.E.
Deputy Commissioner

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cc: Commissioner R. J. Rinaldi, R.A.
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