New Requirements for Category Testing of Elevators

Beginning January 1, 2022, category testing of elevators must comply with the following new requirements in Local Law 126 of 2021:

- The agency performing the category test must notify the Department of Buildings at least five (not seven) days prior to the Category 1 testing of escalators, Category 3 testing of water hydraulic elevators, and Category 5 testing of elevators.

- If a witnessing agency is required in Table N1 of ASME A17.1, as modified by Chapter K1 of Appendix K of the New York City Building Code, the category test report is no longer required to include the signature of the witnessing agency inspector.

  NOTE: The report must still include the signature of the witnessing agency director.

New Filing Deadlines

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<td>Within 21 (not 60) days after the date of the category test</td>
<td>Within 90 (not 120) days after the date of the category test (owners may request up to two 45-day extensions)</td>
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Review Local Law 126 of 2021 (Article 304 of Title 28 of the Administrative Code) and Title 1 of the Rules of the City of the New York Sections 101-07 and 103-02 for all the changes to the category test requirements that will become effective on January 1, 2022.

Category test reports must be submitted in DOB NOW: Safety. A Service Notice with additional information about changes to DOB NOW related to the new category test requirements will be posted at nyc.gov/buildings.

Periodic Elevator Inspections

Review the November 30, 2021 Service Update for a description of the changes to the requirements for periodic elevator inspections.