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Mr. Peter Dineen
R & D Systems, Inc.
30 East 20th Street
New York, New York 10003

Re: Clarification of Building Code Requirements

Dear Mr. Dineen:

Your letter dated June 1, 1990 to Commissioner Rinaldi has been forwarded to this office for review and response.

1. Section 4-3 "Automatic Shutdown or Exhaust" of Reference Standard RS 13-1 of the Building Code is applicable to the installation of a new system. It does not apply to an existing air conditioning system in the existing building.
2. Section 27-979(b) of the Building Code requires smoke detectors in mechanical rooms in new buildings or in existing buildings where new mechanical rooms are built. No smoke detectors are required in existing mechanical rooms in existing buildings unless required by prior approvals.

Very truly yours,


George C. Sakona, P.E.
Deputy Commissioner

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cc: Commissioner R. J. Rinaldi
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