



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
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IRWIN FRUCHTMAN, P.E. Commissioner  
248-8811

November 29, 1982

Mr. Philip Kotik  
Valgos Industrial Corporation  
600 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

Re: Scaffolding, Shoring and  
Hoist Equipment

Dear Mr. Kotik:

I would like to apologize for the lateness of this letter in response to your October 6, 1982 letter which referred to the above referenced subject. We have had an extraordinary amount of high priority items converging recently.

I will try to outline the requirements for three items about which you inquire.

a) Scaffolding:

1. Power operated and manually operated scaffolds used for window cleaning and cleaning of the exterior surfaces of completed buildings are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the State Industrial Commissioner. Approval of the devices and use of the equipment must be obtained from the State Industrial Commissioner.

2. Power operated and manually operated scaffolds used in the course of erection, alteration, and demolition, and, on completed buildings for work other than window cleaning and cleaning of exterior surfaces are under the concurrent jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Buildings and the State Industrial Commissioner. Approval of the power operated scaffolds must be obtained either from the Materials and Equipment Acceptance Division (MEA) of the Department of Buildings or the Board of Standards and Appeals of the City of New York. Manually operated scaffolds need no prior approval for use, but must conform to the requirements of the code in the matter of testing and construction as outlined in C26-1907.4 thru C26-1906.9.

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The general requirement for materials, construction and design of all scaffolds is outlined in sections C26-1907.1, thru C26-1907.3 of the code. There are no requirements for department approval, per se, except as noted above.

b) Shoring:

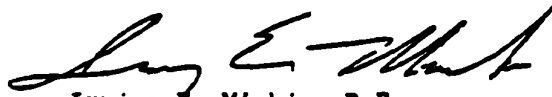
In the matter of shoring your letter is unclear as to the type of shoring for which you are making inquiry. However the code refers to shoring in C26-1904.

c) Hoists:

Hoist standards are set forth in Article 18 and Reference Standard RS-18 of the Building Code.

I suggest that you obtain a current copy of both the Building Code and the Building Laws at the City Record Sales Office, Room 2213, Municipal Building, 1 Centre Street, New York, N.Y. and peruse the foregoing sections in the Building Code, and sections 240 through 242 of the Labor Law in Volume 2 of the Building Laws. Answers to many of the questions you raise would probably then be self-evident.

Very truly yours,



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Deputy Commissioner

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