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POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE # 8/92

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SUBJECT: Laminated Wood "I" Beams

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PURPOSE: To interpret the requirements of the Administrative Code, Sections 27-617 and 27-620, pertaining to firestopping requirements per RS 10-8 and Inspection of Methods of Construction per Table 10-2 for laminated wood "I" beams used in fire resistance rated floor/roof-ceiling assemblies.

To establish a new administrative procedure for applicant notification to the Fire Department of proposed use of laminated wood "I" beams.

SPECIFICS:

1. Firestopping

Reference Standard RS 10-8, Section 9.2.1 - General Requirements for Firestopping states that, "the space between the ceiling and the floor or roof above shall be divided by providing firestopping where ceilings are suspended below solid joists or suspended from or attached directly to the bottom of open wood floor trusses in buildings of combustible construction."

The Department now interprets the requirement to comply with the firestopping provisions of Section 9.2.1 et seq. to include laminated wood "I" beam assemblies. Therefore, the space between the ceiling and the floor or roof above shall be divided into approximately equal areas not greater than 500 square feet.

Firestopping is subject to controlled inspection pursuant to Section 27-345.

2. Inspection of Methods of Construction

Table 10-2 - Operations on Structural Elements that shall be Subject to Controlled Inspection, lists the "Fabrication of glue-laminated assemblies and of plywood components."

The Department now interprets the requirement to comply with the controlled inspection provision of Table 10-2 to include laminated wood "I" beams. Therefore, the cutting of openings for ducts, pipes, conduit, etc. in laminated wood "I" beams shall be considered fabrication and, therefore, subject to controlled inspection.

3. Notification

The applicant shall be required to notify the Fire Department of the proposed installation of laminated wood "I" beams prior to the Department issuing a construction permit. Evidence of such notification shall be a certifying statement submitted on Form TR-1, Technical Report, reading as follows:

I hereby state that I have mailed a copy of this statement to the Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention, Technology Management Unit, as notification of the proposed installation of laminated wood "I" beams at this location.

This statement shall be placed on the reverse side of the form in the lower right-hand box.

The copy of the completed Form TR-1 shall be mailed to:

Chief-in-Charge of the Bureau of Fire Prevention  
Fire Department  
Bureau of Fire Prevention  
Technology Management Unit  
250 Livingston Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201-5884

cc: Chief John Hodgens