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Mr. Hamilton A. Chase  
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11 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York 10036

Re: Local Law #16/84 Interpretation

Dear Mr. Chase:

This is in response to your letter dated January 21, 1986.

Please be advised that the fire protection plan shall be required for all alterations to existing high-rise buildings in occupancy group E and existing hotels in occupancy group J-1, if the cost of the alterations exceed one million dollars or involves a change of use as per C26-124.4 and 124.1(f).

Existing buildings containing an F-4 public assembly with an occupant load of 300 or more persons shall be installed with emergency lighting in each vertical exit serving the floor on which the public assembly is located. Such lighting shall be connected to an emergency power source or storage battery equipment as per C26-605.1(e)(1). Existing buildings in occupancy group E or J-1 with a total of more than four exit lights and/or signs shall be connected to an emergency power source, storage battery equipment, or ahead of the main switch as per C26-605.2 and C26-606.2.

Emergency power source is interpreted by this office as emergency generator.

Should there be any further questions on this matter feel free to contact my office at any time.

Very truly yours,

*Jack J. Calabro, P.E.*

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