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## Deadline Extended for Local Law 196 Site Safety Training Requirements



On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the New York City Council passed legislation extending the deadline for the second phase of Local Law 196, which requires 30 hours of site-safety training for workers and 62 hours of site-safety training for supervisors, to December 1, 2019.

Workers and supervisors are encouraged to obtain training in a timely manner. Information on Local Law 196 safety training requirements can be found on [the Safety page of DOB's website](#), and details of the deadline extension can be found in [the associated Service Notice](#).

## DOB Visits Construction Sites to Launch New Safety Campaign For Construction Safety Week

## Service Updates

**Gas Test and Gas Finish Self-Certifications Ending in Queens and the Bronx**

**Change to Plan Exam Appointment Length**

**Follow-up #2: HPD CONH Pilot Program Update Prohibition on Professionally Certified Filings New HPD4 Form**

**Local Law 195 of 2018: Fire Alarm Systems, Fire Suppression Systems, and Fire Protection Plans to be Submitted to the Fire Department ONLY**

## 2014 Construction Code Updates

**Update Page # 72** reflects changes made by **Local Law 95 of 2019** effective 4/4/2019, to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to a building energy efficiency grade.

Update pages are printable inserts to keep your hard copy Construction Codes up to date.

All **update pages** for the 2014 NYC Construction Codes.

## Local Laws

Local Law 98 of 2019 (**Int. No. 1317-A**) A Local Law in to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and the New York City building code, in relation to large wind turbines.

Local Law 97 of 2019 (**Int. No. 1253-C**) A Local Law in to amend the New York City Charter and the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to the commitment to achieve certain reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Local Law 95 of 2019 (**Int. No. 1251-A**) A Local Law in to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to a building energy efficiency grade.

Local Law 94 of 2019 (**Int. No. 1032-A**) A Local Law in to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York and the New York City building code, in relation to requiring that the roofs of certain buildings



Throughout Construction Safety Week, May 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, DOB staff fanned out across the city to raise awareness about construction safety regulations and Local Law 196. As part of this effort, a safety-themed food truck visited construction sites in all five boroughs to provide breakfast and lunch, with a side order of safety training information to workers.

DOB unveiled a new public awareness campaign with the slogan, "*Safety. The only job more important than the job,*" which highlights the theme that regardless of whatever your individual job is on a construction site - safety is everyone's job. The campaign, which features **television and radio PSAs**, as well as subway ads, targets construction professionals with the goal of fostering a shared culture of safety on the work site.

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## Build Safe | Live Safe Conference 2019



DOB concluded Construction Safety Week with our 2019 Build Safe | Live Safe Conference on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The daylong event was attended by more than 300 members of the design and construction trades, and featured a series of seminars presented by Department experts on a variety of topics highlighting industry trends and safe construction operations. The annual conference is a critical link between the Department and members of NYC's real estate and construction industries, with a focus on improving safety in the building and construction trades.

The full presentations will be made available [on DOB's website](#) in the coming weeks.

be covered in green roofs or solar photovoltaic electricity generating systems.

Local Law 93 of 2019 (**Int. No. 1031-A**) A Local Law in to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to posting information regarding green roofs on the website of the department of buildings.

Local Law 92 of 2019 (**Int. No. 276-A**) A Local Law in to amend the New York City building code, in relation to requiring that the roofs of certain buildings be partially covered in green roof or solar photovoltaic electricity generating systems.

Local Law 76 of 2019 (**Int. No. 1149-B**) A Local Law in to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to documentation, submission and public availability of cooling tower inspections and certifications.

**Local Law 62 of 2019** (Int. No. 862) A Local Law in to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to allowing the Department of Buildings to issue stop work orders along with notices to revoke work permits.

**Local Law 59 of 2019** (Int. No. 353-B) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to the provision of e-mail notifications for construction project status updates.

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## Website Updates

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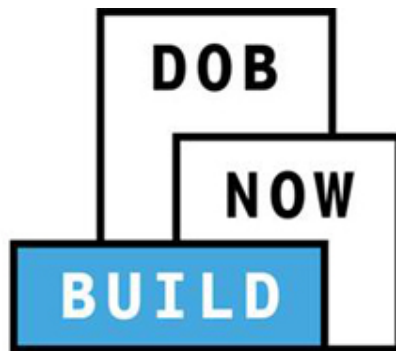
## DOB Performs Outreach to Students with STEM and Career Education Events at NYC Schools



Throughout the month of May, DOB architects, engineers, and inspectors visited a total of 12 high schools and elementary schools across the five boroughs to participate in career days and Builder's Challenge events, and give presentations for our annual Junior Architects and Engineers program. These visits are designed to foster interest in the building trades and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields among New York City public school students, with tailored presentations and activities for students of all ages.

[Read more in our press release](#)

## More Work Types Coming to DOB NOW on July 1<sup>st</sup>



Mark your calendars! Starting July 1, 2019 all new filings for Mechanical, Plumbing, Sprinkler, Standpipe, and Structural filings will need to be submitted in DOB NOW: *Build*. You can find additional information about the new launches and mandated filings [in the recent Service Notice](#).

DOB will be offering free training sessions on DOB NOW: *Build*, both in person and online, throughout June and July. [Visit the DOB NOW Training page](#) for the full schedule of upcoming trainings and to register for a session.

## Major Disciplinary Cases

## Licensing

Department Approved Course Providers

Department Approved Course Requirements: 8-Hour Site Safety Manager Refresher/Chapter 33

Department Approved Course Requirements: 7-Hour Periodic Gas Piping Inspector Qualification

Department Approved Course Requirements: 16-Hour Limited Gas Work Qualification

## Did You Know?

DOB electrical permits have been added to Open Data! Nearly 100,000 electrical permits have been submitted through DOB NOW: Build since its launch 18 months ago. And now this information is available on the Open Data portal. In one dataset you can see every electrical permit application submitted and in a second dataset you can dive into the details from outlet numbers to lamp wattages. The electrical landscape of our city is vast, and now we're making it more transparent. Visit the [Open Data portal](#) to check it out, and [Contact Us](#) if you have any questions.

- \$230,000 in total penalties issued to Jun Xiao Guo, the owner of 66-17 Austin Street, Queens, for a number of violations related to the illegal conversion of a legal three-family dwelling into 18 illegal Single Room Occupancy (SRO) dwellings throughout the building, including in the cellar. The owner was issued a total of 32 summonses for a variety of violating conditions including work without a permit, insufficient egress, and occupancy contrary to the Certificate of Occupancy (CO).
- \$25,000 in penalties issued to Safety Registrant T.G. Nickel & Assoc. for failure to safeguard a construction site located at 1 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, after a worker was injured in a fall from the 16th floor of the construction site, onto uncapped rebar on the 15th floor.
- \$25,000 in penalties issued to The George Units LLC, the owner of 111 Wadsworth Avenue, Manhattan, for failure to properly safeguard a public right of way after filing a Local Law 11 Façade Inspection Safety (FISP) Report that determined the exterior walls of the 32-story building were unsafe.
- Following an audit of professionally certified applications submitted by Professional Engineer Emanuel Katerinis, the Department found multiple false statements on eleven false filings for eight locations in which the engineer improperly proposed major changes to egress or the creation of habitable spaces in cellars under Alteration Type 2, Directive 14 applications. Following a trial at OATH, the Administrative Law Judge recommended a full ban on the engineer's ability to submit filings to the Department. A Commissioner's Order revoking all of the engineer's DOB filing privileges was issued April 16, 2019.

DOB publishes monthly bulletins detailing the agency's efforts to sanction and deter bad actors in the construction industry. You can find this information posted on the [Enforcement Action Bulletin](#) page of our website.

#### [Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders](#)

#### [Industry Code of Conduct for Construction Professionals](#)

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