

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings by Section 643 of the New York City Charter and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, that the Department of Buildings hereby repeals Section 12-01 of Chapter 12 of Title 1 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York, regarding emergency power system requirements.

This rule was first published on July 14, 2014 and a public hearing thereon was held on August 19, 2014.

Dated: _____

New York, New York



Rick D. Chandler, P.E.
Commissioner

Statement of Basis and Purpose

Exception 17 of Section 28-101.4.3 of the New York City Administrative Code ("Optional use of the 1968 building code for work on prior code buildings") states that, "The installation of and work on emergency and standby power systems shall comply with section 2702.1 of the New York city building code."

Such installation and work, therefore, may not be performed on prior code buildings in accordance with the requirements and standards set forth in the 1968 building code or a code in effect prior to December 6, 1968.1 RCNY 12-01 is a rule that implements Article 11 of Subchapter 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the Administrative Code ("Emergency Power"), a 1968 building code provision.

While drafting Local Law 141 of 2013, which establishes the 2014 NYC Construction Codes, the Department reviewed 1 RCNY 12-01 ("Emergency Power System Requirements") and folded all pertinent equipment, design and construction requirements for emergency power systems, which were missing from Chapter 27 of the 2008 NYC Building Code, into Chapter 27 of the 2014 NYC Building Code.

It was also determined that the technical requirements for emergency power systems contained in this rule are obsolete or have already been superseded by the Department's adoption of referenced standards NFPA 70, 110 and 111 in the 2008 NYC Building Code.

Therefore, the Department is repealing 1 RCNY 12-01 in its entirety.

Section 1. Section 12-01 of Chapter 12 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to requirements for emergency power systems, is REPEALED.

§2. This rule shall take effect on October 1, 2014.