

# Buildings news

April 2016

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## Enhanced Oversight of Gas Installations



This summer the Department will launch a new initiative to inspect all gas plumbing jobs prior to allowing service to be turned on. The program will initially be implemented in Manhattan - the borough with the oldest gas infrastructure - and expand Citywide in 2017.

[Learn More](#)

## Engineers Banned for Filing False Statements and Rubber Stamping Plans

On April 27, 2016, the Department revoked the filing privileges of Professional Engineers Ashraf Ali and Yaakov Stern. Investigations uncovered false statements on job applications and the failure of both engineers to follow regulations to safeguard the public.

DOB's enhanced disciplinary enforcement initiative has led to a growing list of construction professionals whose licenses are being suspended or revoked and who are no longer allowed to self-certify jobs with the Department. In April alone several licensees were compelled to voluntarily surrender Professional Certifications and Directive 14 privileges or had them suspended.

"These individuals abused their privileges as licensed engineers, and put expediency and profit ahead of worksite safety. Construction professionals should take note that the Department will continue to crack down on those who cut corners and endanger the public" said **Buildings Commissioner Rick Chandler**.

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## No-Penalty Deck and Retaining Wall Inspections

## Service Updates

### Administrative Enforcement Unit (AEU)

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### Elevators

[Re-Inspections for Immediately Hazardous Violations \(Class 1\)](#)

### Gas Authorizations

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### PER11 Pilot Program

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### Requesting Records from Off-Site Storage

[New Hold Policy](#)

### Solar Photovoltaic Panel Projects

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### Local Law 84/2009

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### Immediately Hazardous (Class 1) Civil Penalty Violations

[New Payment Method](#)

### NYC Energy Code Infractions

[Issuance of DOB Violations and Stop Work Orders](#)

### Limited Alteration Application (LAA)

[Intent to Revoke and Revoke Notifications](#)

### Demolition Submittal Document Requirements

[Exemption from Plan Submission](#)

### Inspection Ready

[Bulk Delegation](#)

## Buildings Bulletins

Beginning May 15th, property owners can request a free inspection of decks, porches or retaining walls by calling 311.

[Press Release](#)  
[Deck & Porch Tool Kit](#)  
[Retaining Walls](#)

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## Code Notes

**Code Notes** is a reference tool to assist industry members and property owners through the permit approval process. Code Notes explain all the requirements and include related reference materials for the construction projects.

[Standpipe Systems \(New\)](#)

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## Licensing Updates

[Work History for Registration Application - LIC4](#)  
[Journeyman Plumber/Fire Suppression Piping Installer](#)  
[Plumber/Fire Suppression Piping Contractor Certificate Renewal](#)  
[Filing Representative Fee Changes](#)  
[Filing Representative Registration Renewal - Class 1 & 2](#)  
[How to Become a Concrete Safety Manager](#)  
[DOB Approved Courses](#)  
[Master Plumber/Master Fire Suppression Contractor Changes \(email address updated\)](#)

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## Website Updates

[The Hub Registration](#)  
[LAA Permit Information](#)  
[FISP3 form \(updated\)](#)  
[ELV22 form](#)

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## Inspection Ready

[Service Level Bulletin](#)  
[Inspection Ready Resources \(PDF's updated\)](#)

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## April Press Releases

[Wind Advisory 04.01.16](#)  
[Wind Advisory 04.07.16](#)  
[Enhanced Oversight of Gas Installations 04.12.16](#)  
[Wind Advisory 04.26.16](#)  
[Engineers Banned for Filing False Statements 04.26.16](#)  
[Annual \*No-Penalty\* Inspections 04.27.16](#)

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## Sign up for Weather Alerts

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## Current Job Postings

[Elevator Inspector](#)  
[Assistant Chief, Cranes & Derricks](#)  
[Plan Examination Trainee](#)  
[Build It Back Assistant Chief Plan Examiner](#)

**2016-006:** Clarifies and establishes additional requirements for special inspection agencies reporting inspection discrepancies and hazardous conditions.

**2016-007:** Rescinds [APPN1/05](#) that is no longer applicable under any code.

**2016-008:** Clarifies where wheelchair platform lifts may be installed in a prior code building.

**2016-009:** Rescinds [Memorandum 8-31-88](#) pertaining to Local Law 58 of 1987 that is no longer applicable under the [2014 NYC Building Code](#).

**2016-010:** Revises operational procedures for the Professional Certification Program.

[All Buildings Bulletins](#)

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## Hearings + Rules

### Violations

[1 RCNY 102-01](#) (effective 04.15.16), classifies certain violations related to the safe operation of construction equipment.

[All Department Rules](#)

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## Did You Know



DOB's enhanced disciplinary enforcement initiative is part of [Building One City](#), Commissioner Chandler's plan to fundamentally transform the agency in lockstep with the Mayor's goals of an affordable, sustainable and resilient New York.

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**Bill de Blasio**, Mayor  
**Rick D. Chandler, P.E.**, Commissioner

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