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2015-016: Establishes acceptance criteria for outdoor decorative gas appliances connected to a fixed fuel piping system.

2015-015: Establishes acceptance criteria for attendant operated automobile parking lifts.

2015-014: Establishes design and acceptance criteria of externally bonded fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) systems for structural repair and upgrade of concrete and masonry elements.

2015-013: Establishes acceptance criteria for fire resistive duct assemblies as approved alternative protection.

2015-012: Establishes acceptance criteria for corrugated polypropylene piping and fittings used for storm sewer pipe as an alternative to code



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Participants Needed for Energy Code Advisory Committee

The Department of Buildings is currently accepting applications for our 2015 Energy Code Advisory Committee. Application period ends July 6th.

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Upcoming Change to Additional Exit Stairway Applications

Effective July 1st, there are new requirements for all new non-residential buildings greater than 420 feet in height or any mixed-use building that contains non-residential uses above 420 feet in height.

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Searchable Licensee Database

On June 1st the Department launched a comprehensive directory of all construction professionals monitored by the Department. Anyone can search records which reveal disciplinary actions against a licensee or if a license was voluntarily surrendered.

Search Directory



Department of Buildings Blueprint for Fundamental Transformation

Commissioner Chandler's plan of fundamental reform to enhance public safety, reduce wait times and delays, and modernize all aspects of the agency to meet the needs of a 21st century New York City.

Read the Blueprint

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Department Approved Courses

Department Approved Course Requirements for Providers Department Approved Course Provider List Course Provider Application prescribed polyethylene piping and fittings.

2015-011: Establishes acceptance criteria for site-specific approval of fuel gas compressors, duct burners and heat recovery steam generators used in cogeneration and Combined Heat and Power ("CHP") projects.

2015-010: Supersedes 2013-013 to clarify special inspection requirements related to raising, lifting, elevating, or moving buildings.

2015-009: Establishes acceptance criteria for recognition of fixed-height, low-profile raised floor systems.

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Website Updates

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