

September 6, 1977

Hon. Joseph B. Klein, Chairman
Board of Standards and Appeals
80 Lafayette St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Chairman Klein:

Cal. #253-77SM; U.S. Gypsum Floor-Ceiling Assembly

I have been advised that various architects and engineers have been inadvertently given the impression that the floor-ceiling assembly approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals under Cal. #253-77SM, on July 7, 1977, is permissible in Construction Group 1 buildings under the new Building Code.

However, since the type of assembly does not consist exclusively of noncombustible material, it is my interpretation that the assembly described in the subject Cal. number is, in fact, combustible and not authorized where either the old Building Code or the new Building Code requires construction elements or assemblies to be noncombustible, and am notifying all borough offices and the construction industry to that effect.

I would appreciate if, in view of the misunderstandings that have already arisen and which will probably continue in the future despite my letter, that the Board amend the subject Cal. number so as to include the proviso to the effect that this assembly cannot be used where the Building Code requires noncombustible elements or assemblies.

Very truly yours,


Jeremiah T. Walsh, P.E.
Commissioner

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