

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 4, 1974

TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Thomas V. Burke, P.E., Director of Operations

SUBJECT: Welding Inspection Agencies, Welding Inspectors and Controlled Inspection of Welding - Rule 16 of the Board of Standards & Appeals Rules for Arc and Gas Welding

Rule 16 of the rules of the Board of Standards & Appeals for Arc and Gas Welding, relating to supervision and inspection indicates that any welding done on a structure or any part thereof shall be performed under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer or registered architect designated for "controlled inspection" or a representative of an inspection agency engaged by him and acceptable to this department.

Whether the welding inspection is performed under the direct supervision of the licensed professional engineer or registered architect assuming responsibility for "controlled inspection: or a welding inspection agency engaged by him and approved by this department, only the licensed or registered professional as described above may complete the forms for "controlled inspection". Furthermore, except when a welding inspector is himself a licensed professional engineer or registered architect, the inspector of welding is required to "have at least 3 years experience in the field of welding, or welding inspection, or possess a current New York City welding license in order to be authorized to inspect any welding" in accordance with Rule 16.1.2. An affidavit is required to be filed by the "controlled inspection" designee setting forth the names of all welding inspectors on the site, and noting that they have the necessary experience and are acceptable to him before any welding operations are to commence.

In implementation of the administrative elements of this requirement, the executive offices of this department review the experience and qualifications of welding inspection agencies prior to approval of such agencies.

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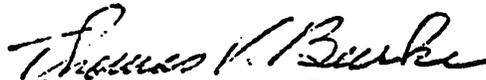
Enclosed is a list of approved inspection agencies. This list includes all those for whom notices of approval were forwarded to you in the past, with deletions of those no longer engaged in such practices, and updated firm names and addresses.

You are directed to issue instructions to all steel inspectors that they are to check at each job where welding is performed to ensure that the required number of qualified welding inspectors, set forth in the Board's rules, either under the direct supervision of the approved "controlled inspection" designee or the approved welding inspection agency, are on the site and that no improperly authorized welding inspectors are employed.

In the event an insufficient number or any improperly authorized welding inspectors are employed on any site, the welding shall be stopped by issuance of a stop work order pursuant to Section C26-123.1, Administrative Code and Rule 16 of the Board of Standards & Appeals Rules for Arc and Gas Welding, which shall remain in force until qualified welding inspectors are placed on the job. In addition, this office is to be informed of the offending welding inspection agency or "controlled inspection" designee.

This memorandum supersedes the memorandum of August 27, 1968 which covered the same subject matter prior to adoption of new welding rules by the Board on January 15, 1974.

In addition to the current list of approved welding inspection agencies, forwarded herewith are additional copies of the Board's new welding rules, and a memorandum dated February 20, 1974, relating thereto.


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