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Mr. Ernest Bayha, R.A.  
Director of Code Compliance  
and Standards  
New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation  
346 Broadway  
New York, New York 10013

Re: Metropolitan Hospital  
Mental Health Building

Dear Mr. Bayha:

I am responding to your September 7, 1989 letter to confirm our conversation.

Per Section 27-343(3) of the New York City Building Code, noncombustible ducts, which penetrates one hour rated construction, do not require fire dampers in Occupancy Group H-2 and when the wall opening for each ventilation duct do not exceed three square feet in area. The openings should be staggered so that no opening for any duct is combined to total more than three square feet.

Very truly yours,

Anthony Lee, R.A.  
Executive Assistant

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cc: Assistant Commissioner G. E. Berger, P.E.  
Executive Engineer I. Polsky, P.E. ✓