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Mr. Carl Guinta
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Dear Mr. Guinta:

This is in response to your letter, dated January 20, 1988, regarding the issue of combined standpipe and sprinkler risers in office buildings.

Section 27-962(h) allows standpipe risers to use for sprinklers in high rise buildings classified in occupancy groups E, G, H and J and in existing office buildings one hundred feet or more in height.

Since the law requires sprinklers in high rise buildings in certain classification it only mentions standpipe riser to be used for sprinklers in high rise buildings only.

Therefore, examiners cannot approve the sprinkler application for low rise buildings where only standpipe riser is used. However you may request reconsideration to such objection. The Department in the past considered such objections.

During the last revision of the Building Code under Local Law 16/1984, it should have been corrected to allow all buildings under those classification. This, I hope, will be done in the next revision.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George E. Berger".

George E. Berger, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner