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The City of New York
Department of Buildings

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Departmental Memorandum

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To: Borough Superintendent Chamoy
Manhattan Office
From: John T. O'Neill
Commissioner
Subject: Supervision of Concrete Construction

A request concerning continuous supervision by professional engineers in regard to ultimate strength design and construction has been reviewed.

Previous reconsiderations granted in regard to ultimate strength design were based on original approvals for ultimate strength granted by the Board of Standards and Appeals, which included a requirement that placement of steel and concrete be under the continual supervision of a licensed professional engineer.

Sections C26-1463.0 and C26-1464.0 of the old Building Code require a licensed professional engineer to supervise inspection of concrete construction; and it has been the policy of this department to have personnel under the direct supervision of the architect or engineer designated to inspect concrete construction as being acceptable, even though the person in the field at all times that was responsible to the supervising engineer or architect was not himself licensed.

Section C26-106.3 of the new Building Code specifies that all required inspections of materials designated for controlled inspection shall be made and witnessed by or under the direct supervision of an architect or engineer.

Based on all of the above, it is the interpretation of this office that personnel under the continuous supervision of the engineer or architect designated for controlled inspection under the new Building Code, or to inspect concrete construction under the old Building Code, need not be a licensed professional engineer or registered architect, provided:

1. Such personnel are full-time employees of said architect or engineer.
2. They are acceptable to the Borough Superintendent by education and/or experience to perform the inspections required.

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3. They are under the direct and continuing supervision of the engineer or architect specified to supervise concrete construction.

4. The architect or engineer so specified submits to the department a statement indicating he has assumed full responsibility for inspection of the concrete work and testing of the materials, and will file all reports required by the department diligently.

(Signed)
John T. O'Neill
Commissioner