



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
120 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10005

CHARLES M. SMITH, Jr., R. A., Commissioner

February 5, 1985

IRVING E. MINKIN, P.E.
1st Deputy Commissioner

248-8758

Re: Fire Protection for Commercial Cooking Systems

Gentlemen:

In order to expedite issuance of building permits, this department has, for several years, authorized the immediate issuance of a permit for a broad variety of work, subject to only a prior zoning review and submission of evidence of required insurance, and payment of permit fees. The installation of exhaust systems and related fire extinguishing equipment for the ventilation of cooking systems falls within the scope of such items authorized a "fast track" review. However, we have been advised by the Fire Department that upon routine inspections of such installations, they have ascertained that in a significant percentage of cases, there was deviation from proper standards, and reluctance on the part of either the installing contractor or the proprietor to modify the installation.

We wish to retain the expeditious processing authorized for this type of equipment, but believe it would be prudent for your firm to assure that any installation reflects full compliance with law in order to preclude the necessity of this department having to commence a detailed review as a pre-condition for approvals, or to revoke the approvals and permits that were issued. The enclosed list of items should be clearly shown on the plans submitted to this department, and these are items that your firm should pay particular attention to. Needless to say, there should be no deviation from applicable laws.

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I trust we can count on your cooperation in this matter of mutual concern.

Sincerely,



Irving E. Minkin, P.E.
Deputy Commissioner

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cc: Assistant Commissioner White - Department of Buildings
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