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TO: Borough Superintendents

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

DATE: December 4, 1972
SUBJECT: "Protection of Adjoining Walls of Stud Construction during Demolition Operations" - Sections C26-1902.1 and C26-1905.2

Sections C26-1902.1 and 1905.2 require that "Portions of the wall exposed by construction operations shall be protected against the elements, and shall be restored or left permanently protected after completion of operations."

In the process of demolition of attached frame structures, unprotected stud party walls are exposed. For the purposes of compliance with Sections C26-1902.1 and 1905.2 the following minimum method of protection shall be required.

Lath and plaster or other wall finish on the exposed side of remaining wall shall be removed to provide a proper nailing surface on the exposed edge of the studs; this shall be performed in such a manner that brick fill or other insulation if present is protected and preserved. A minimum thickness of 3/8" exterior grade plywood shall be attached to the face of the studs; the nailing to the studs shall comply with Table R.S. 10-9-3. A "Z" moulding of noncorrosive or galvanized metal shall be provided at each horizontal joint to act as a flashing.

Other methods of providing adequate protection of the exposed party stud walls may be employed if approved by the Borough Superintendent.

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