

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 20, 1974

TO: BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENTS

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

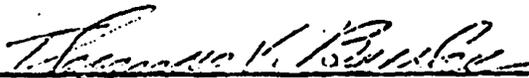
SUBJECT: Mechanical Means of Demolition  
Re: Permits for Demolition Contracts awarded by HDA

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There have been previous agreements with the Department of Development concerning approval of mechanical means of demolition. In some cases mechanical demolition was permitted only with prior approval of the Department of Development, in other cases involving mechanical means employed to break up floor slabs, prior approval was not required.

We have been advised by the Department of Development that these permissive approvals have been abused by some segments of the industry.

In the interest of maximum safety and in compliance with a request by the Department of Development, no permits for mechanical means of demolition under contracts made with the Department of Development shall be issued unless requested in writing by the Department of Development.

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

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Chief Construction Inspectors