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It has been brought to my attention that Section b(6) of Rule 211.3a(2), Phase II Emergency In-Car Operation - Firemen's Service of the Building Code has been interpreted differently by some elevator companies.

This section specifically says that a Phase II Operation in the elevator shall only be removed if elevator is at a designated level. Therefore, the elevator stationed at a floor other than designated floor, shall remain in Phase II operation and shall remain at that floor even if the key switch is in normal position.

This section was recently reviewed with the Fire Department which will support a revision to subchapter eighteen and reference standard RS 18-1 of the Building Code.

The Building Code has always required the elevator once in Phase II to remain in Phase II if it is not at a designated level. Therefore, this section will be amended to apply retroactively for existing installations.

Our elevator inspectors will enforce this section uniformly.

The elevator industry should make necessary adjustments to elevators so they remain under firefighters control during an emergency.

