

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

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 1971

TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Thomas V. Burke, Director of Operations

SUBJECT: Application and Protection of Sprayed-On Fireproofing
of Structural Steel

It has come to the attention of this office that poor workmanship in the application of sprayed-on fireproofing, combined with inadequate protection of such fireproofing from damage, displacement and deterioration, has resulted in several instances of inadequately fireproofed structures where remedial measures were required.

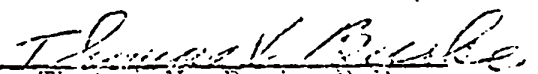
Accordingly, the following procedure is to be implemented immediately:

1. District inspectors are to notify all contractors that where fireproofing is missing for any reason after initial application, the structural member is not to be enclosed or covered until approved by the inspector.
2. Where reapplication is required, the district inspector is to require that all defective areas be resprayed or adequately patched so as to provide the required fire protection before authorizing enclosure or covering of the structural member.
3. District inspectors are to assure that the requirements of the Board or MEA approval as appropriate, are adhered to. Copies of the Resolution of the Board under Cal. No. 118-68 GR, adopted November 15, 1968, and amended January 10, 1969, imposing additional requirements to prior approvals of sprayed-on fireproofing are herewith enclosed.
4. Plan examiners are to assure that plans showing sprayed-on fireproofing indicate complete compliance with the Board or MEA approval, as appropriate, as well as noting compliance with this memorandum. Your attention is also directed to recent Board approvals now requiring submission to this department of a copy of the test report drawing referred to in the resolution of the Board.

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Enclosures:

cc: Executive staff
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