FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: OWNERS OF BUILDINGS IN ZONE A

FROM: Thomas Fariello, R.A.
First Deputy Commissioner

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RE: RE-OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS IN ZONE A

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and pursuant to Mayoral Executive Order No. 165 of 2012, buildings in Zone A may not be re-occupied until the NYC Department of Buildings has determined that re-occupation is permitted. A NYC Department of Buildings green sticker issued after inspection authorizes re-occupancy of such building. In lieu of a Department inspection, an owner may obtain a green sticker upon satisfaction of both of the following:

1. Submission to the NYC Department of Buildings of a certified report by a NYS licensed professional engineer or registered architect certifying the following:
   - There is no standing water in the building;
   - The building is structurally sound;
   - All required life safety systems, including but not limited to, fire alarms, sprinklers, standpipes, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, are intact and in good working order;
   - If there is an elevator, at least one working elevator serves all floors; and
   - The building is otherwise safe to occupy.

2. The building has electrical power or a working emergency generator to power all required life safety systems.

ALL SUBMISSIONS

All submissions including certified reports and statements shall be submitted to the following email address reoccupyzonea@buildings.nyc.gov.

For any variation from the above requirements, the NYS licensed professional engineer or registered architect must first submit a request for variation determination to reoccupydeterminations@buildings.nyc.gov.