



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

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Mr. Philip Martines  
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New York, New York 10022

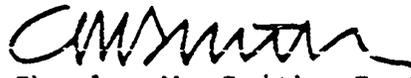
Re: Power Operated  
Scaffolds

Dear Mr. Martines:

In response to your letter of July 31, 1984, with respect to the design and approval of power operated scaffolds used for the cleaning of exterior high rise buildings, Reference Standard RS 18-8 of the New York City Building Code is pre-empted by Section 202 of the Labor Law with respect to scaffolds used primarily for window cleaning and cleaning of exterior surfaces of buildings.

Accordingly, it will be necessary that you and your clients contact the Industrial Commissioner in regard to appropriate approvals; and, the building structure itself must be adequate to accommodate the structural loads imposed based on the scaffolding loading authorized by the State.

Sincerely,

  
Charles M. Smith, Jr.  
Commissioner

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Assistant Commissioner Dennis  
General Counsel Munoz  
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