§46-01 Persons authorized to perform inspections, tests, certifications, and other functions on behalf of the Department.

(a) Authorized representatives. Persons authorized to perform inspections, other than officers and employees of the Department, shall include the following:

(1) Professional engineers and registered architects licensed under the New York State Education Law are authorized to review plans and satisfy objections issued at plan examination and perform tests and inspections required by title 26 and 27 of the New York City Administrative Code ("the code"), in accordance with code requirements and all applicable rules and regulations of the Department;

(2) Professional engineers and registered architects licensed under the New York State Education Law and master plumbers and master fire suppression piping contractors licensed by the Department are authorized to inspect and witness tests for plumbing, standpipes, and sprinklers in accordance with the code, to the extent they are qualified by the terms of their licenses and experience;

(3) Professional engineers, registered architects, licensed master plumbers, and representatives of utility companies may also witness tests of gas piping systems in accordance with the code and applicable rules and regulations of the Department;

(4) Other persons and entities licensed by the Department under title 26 of the code are authorized to perform inspections of work performed under their licenses pursuant to the code and applicable rules and regulations of the Department;

(5) Land surveyors and landscape architects licensed under the New York State Education Law are authorized to review plans and to perform inspections of work performed under their licenses pursuant to the code and applicable rules and regulations of the Department;

(6) Qualified boiler inspectors are authorized to perform boiler inspections under section 27-793(b) of the code and rules promulgated thereunder;

(7) Private elevator inspection agencies certified under Section 11-01 of the rules of this Department are authorized to perform and witness elevator inspections and tests in accordance with code provisions; and

(8) Private electrical inspection agencies certified under section 35-01 of the rules of this Department are authorized to perform electrical inspections.

(b) The authorized representatives listed in subdivision (a) above shall identify themselves by producing copies of their applicable licenses or certifications and shall maintain liability insurance in accordance with applicable code requirements.

(c) Except as otherwise permitted in the code, the authorized representative shall personally conduct the inspections or tests.

(d) Authorized representatives may only perform such inspections and tests for which they are qualified by the terms of their licenses and their experience.

(e) Failure to comply with the applicable law and rules and regulations of the Department shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of an authorized representative's authority to conduct inspections on behalf of the Department.