



Office of the State Fire Marshal

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TO: All State Licensed Contractors and Inspectors
All Illinois Municipalities Party to a Local Agreement with the OSFM
All Illinois Municipalities Without a Local Agreement with the OSFM

FROM: Robert Capuani

RE: Board Interpretation: Impact of ASME A17.1 § 8.6, Code Data Plate, Wiring Documents, Maintenance Control Program and Maintenance Record Violations on Certificate of Operation.

On May 18, 2011, the Office of the State Fire Marshal ("OSFM") issued a Board Interpretation which concluded that violations for non-compliance with the Code Data Plate and Wiring Document Sections of A17.1 are suspended until May 13, 2012. On that same date, the OSFM issued an interpretation, pending receipt of official ASME guidance, as to the proper location for a conveyance's Maintenance Control Program and Maintenance Records.

At the July 14, 2011 meeting of the Elevator Safety Review Board, the Board took notice of the fact that certain Illinois-registered conveyances failed period inspections solely due to violations of ASME A17.1, Sections 8.6.1.5.1 ("Code Data Plate"), 8.6.1.6.3 ("Wiring Documents"), 8.6.1.2.1 ("Maintenance Control Program") and/or 8.6.1.4 ("Maintenance Records").

Following public comment and discussion, the Board unanimously concluded that conveyances with violations only for ASME A17.1, Sections 8.6.1.5.1 ("Code Data Plate"), 8.6.1.6.3 ("Wiring Documents"), 8.6.1.2.1 ("Maintenance Control Program") and/or 8.6.1.4 ("Maintenance Records") could obtain a Certificate of Operation without clearing the violations. Owners of said conveyances are granted until May 13, 2012 (or before) to clear such violations. **Those conveyances which do not comply with the Code Data Plate, Wiring Document, Maintenance Control Program and Maintenance Records requirements on May 14, 2012 will, therefore, be in violation of Illinois law unless the relevant Local Administrator has granted an exception/variance from the Code.** Conveyances in the Open Territories will not be granted an exception by the OSFM from the May 13, 2012 deadline. To the extent that this interpretation conflicts with the March 23, 2011 OSFM Memo to Open Territory Municipalities and the May 18, 2011 Board interpretation concerning ASME A17.1 §8.6, Maintenance Control Program and Maintenance Records, it shall be considered controlling.

Violations for non-compliance with the Code Data Plate, Wiring Documents, Maintenance Records and Maintenance Control Program Sections of A17.1 are hereby suspended until May 13, 2012.