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TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT BULLETIN # 10-2/2009

(Revised June 7, 2011)

To: Public Agencies, Real Estate Entities, Architects, Engineers, Fire Alarm and Construction Industry Entities, Fire Safety Directors and Building Managers

Re: Clarification of Fire Department and Department of Buildings Consultative Determination regarding replacement of control equipment and/or Fire Command Stations of existing prior approved Advisory Class 'E' fire alarm systems or new replacements of entire systems of the Advisory Class E fire alarm systems.

1. **After consultation between the NYC Department of Buildings Technical Affairs and the NYC Fire Department Office of Technology Management the policy is hereby enacted, in the interest of life safety, that any Advisory Class 'E' fire alarm system, which is either not functional and/or requires replacement of the Fire Command Station, shall be upgraded to the High Rise code provisions of BC § 907.2.12 for new fire alarm installations and the provisions of DOB Buildings Bulletin # 2009-022 for existing building fire alarm modifications, additions and/or replacements installations' regulations.**

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2. **It is agreed that in accordance with the above policy the Bureau of Fire Prevention shall reject submitted applications of new fire alarm installations of Advisory Class 'E' fire alarm systems with the exception of minor repairs, replacement and/or additions of notification and initiating fire alarm appliances and devices. The replacement of critical control panels and equipment shall be governed by the foregoing paragraph #1.**

The above declarations of the public safety policies of the Bureau of Fire Prevention have been made to clarify officially the impact of the city of New York interagency cooperation between the NYC Department of Buildings and the NYC Fire Department for the administration of the Office of Technology Management activities concerning fire alarm issues and its affects upon the real estate, buildings design and construction industries.

Signed,

Thomas Jensen
Chief of Fire Prevention

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