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Dear Construction Official:

On November 6, 2006, the Department adopted rules establishing requirements for the certification of special inspectors. The effective date of the rules is November 6, 2008. (See N.J.A.C. 5:23-5.4(f).) These requirements are now in effect. No permit should be issued for any project requiring special inspections unless the names and certifications of those to be performing the special inspections are provided. Every individual performing special inspections should have a wallet card, similar to the card issued to licensed code officials, which includes the individual's name and the type(s) of special inspections for which that individual is certified. (A list of the types of special inspections for which certification is now required is included on the back of this letter.) Work covered by open permits where the names of those performing special inspections were supplied to and accepted by the local enforcing agency prior to the effective date of this requirement should be allowed to proceed using the special inspectors already in place.

Please note that, in order to facilitate implementation of these new requirements, the Department will be issuing provisional certifications to applicants who are otherwise qualified, but lack some required element, such as evidence of passage of the specified examination. These provisional certifications will be marked "provisional" on the wallet cards and should be accepted only until June 30, 2009.

Anyone lacking a certification should be directed to the Department. The certification requirements are found at N.J.A.C. 5:23-5.19G. Adopted amendments to the certification requirements creating additional categories of certification appeared in the New Jersey Register on November 3, 2008. These amendments may be accessed on the Department's webpage at http://www.state.nj.us/dca/codes/ruleadoptions/s_inspect_c.pdf.

Information on the requirements for special inspector certification, including a list of those who have been certified and a list of those with provisional certifications may be found on the Department's webpage at http://www.nj.gov/dca/codes/licensingunit/spec_insp.shtml. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please call the Code Assistance Unit at (609) 984-7607.

Sincerely,

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Director
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Special inspector certifications:

1. Structural welding special inspector: Structural welding special inspectors are authorized to carry out field inspections pursuant to section 1704.3.1 of the building subcode.
2. Structural steel and bolting special inspector: Structural steel and bolting special inspectors are authorized to carry out field inspections pursuant to sections 1704.3.2 and 1704.3.3 of the building subcode.
3. Concrete placement special inspector: Concrete placement special inspectors are authorized to carry out field inspections pursuant to section 1704.4 and Table 1704.4, rows 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 of the building subcode.
4. Reinforced concrete special inspector: Reinforced concrete special inspectors are authorized to carry out field inspections pursuant to section 1704.4 and Table 1704.4, rows 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11 of the building subcode.
5. Prestressed concrete special inspector: Prestressed concrete special inspectors are authorized to carry out field inspections pursuant to section 1704.4 and Table 1704.4, rows 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the building subcode.
6. Structural masonry special inspector: Structural masonry special inspectors are authorized to carry out field inspections pursuant to section 1704.5 of the building subcode.
7. Spray-applied fireproofing special inspector: Spray-applied fireproofing special inspectors are authorized to carry out field inspections pursuant to section 1704.10 of the building subcode.
8. Exterior insulation finish system (EIFS) special inspector: EIFS special inspectors are authorized to carry out field inspections pursuant to section 1704.12 of the building subcode.

See N.J.A.C. 5:23-5.3(a)4.