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TO: Elevator Companies

FROM: Thomas M. Chambers
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RE: Stop Switch Behind Locked Fire Panel in Car

Please be advised of the interpretation dated 1/27/05, [Inquiry #04-35](#) that states the firefighter stop switch located behind the locked panel in the car be operative during all modes of operation.

All units that were certified prior to this interpretation must be brought into compliance reflective of this interpretation. The Bureau will give all companies 60 days to bring all units being affected by this ruling into compliance. The ASME A17.1 details this requirement in the 2.27 section.

It has been noted recently that most companies were unaware of this requirement for both new and modernization applications. Please take steps to schedule modifications to all units currently not meeting this requirement. All inspectors will be testing this operation for compliance for all new, modernizations and routine inspections. Those units found not in compliance with this ruling after the 60-day grace period will be subject to an application being required along with an inspection fee. An image of this inquiry can be viewed on our website at www.nclabor.com.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact the Raleigh office.

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