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DATE: April 25, 2012
TO: All Interested Parties
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SUBJECT: Fire service under 25 feet of travel pre 1987 rule

The Department has previously interpreted that an elevator with fire service is required to meet the minimum requirements of ASME A17.1-1987 regardless of whether it has 25 feet of travel above or below the designated level.

As with any code interpretation, there is always the possibility of an appeal. Appeals are researched and discussed with the decision makers, including department staff, the State Building Official, department legal staff and the commissioner's office. This was the case for appeals regarding installations described above.

Additional interpretations support logic that an elevator with less than 25 feet of travel above or below the designated level installed prior to the 1987 edition of ASME A17.1 would not be required to meet that code. The exception in Minnesota Rule 1307.0047 Subpart 11 would require an elevator that travels less than 25 feet above or below the designated level with fire service to comply with a greater requirement than one that travels between the range of 25 and 35 feet. This is an obvious conflict. Recently there have been situations that drew more attention to this issue. To resolve this conflict, the department will not require elevators installed prior to the 1987 ASME adoption with less than 25 feet of travel above or below the designated level to meet the requirements of ASME A17.1-1987 as referenced by ASME A17.3-2002 rule 3.11.3.