

2012-2013 Elevator Code Committee- Minnesota Rule 1307

Notes for February 7, 2012 meeting

Location: IUEC – Local 9

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am and consisted of discussion of four (4) submitted SONARS authored by Timothy Fletcher (1) Richard Bialick (3).

Tim Fletcher presented a SONAR that added language for escalators in MN Rules 1307.0090 subp 8. Safety concerns were brought up in cases where non-elevator personnel are removing escalators in pieces (building not being demo'd). The possibility of escalator freewheel is present. In short, the SONAR mirrors the current requirement as for elevators in 1307.0090 subp. 8. Tim indicated he would like to resubmit the SONAR to include dumbwaiters as well. The SONAR was tabled until next meeting.

(9:10) Richard Bialick submitted three (3), but they were basically the same SONAR going through 3 different avenues and he was hoping for input from the committee as to which one to use to accomplish the desired outcome. The committee is in agreement that wet pits are a problem and a solution to it is of utmost importance. Discussion on this topic took place and the following items are the main issues:

- A17.1 and A17.3 allow sumps in elevator pits.
- MN Rules 1307.0067 does not allow sumps in pits.
- The Minnesota Plumbing code does not allow sumps in pits.
- Just the sump basket alone is considered a sump according to the MN Plumbing Code by definition. (John Parizek – State Plumbing Board)
- Changing of MN Rules would still create a conflict with the plumbing code.
- Changing the plumbing code to match MN Rules could take 3 – 5 years (John Parizek – State Plumbing Board)
- It is unsure if 1307.0067 followed the Plumbing code on the sumps or it was the other way around.
- There are other routes to take for the allowing of sumps in pits; Steve Goemer (AMBO) indicated MPLS does have an appeals process.
- Richard Bialick was looking for a route that would not involve a timely appeals process. He proposed to rewrite the SONAR to reflect this.
- The SONAR was tabled until next meeting.

Questions (10:15)

- None

Review of dates for:

Code Change Submittal date: February 14, 2012

Next Meeting date: 9:00 am February 21, 2012 at Local 9 Union Hall.

Final items:

- None

Adjournment of meeting: 10:20 am