



WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 21 - 25, 2020

Message from the Executive Board:

We continue to receive questions from membership regarding Local Law 152 inspections. In many of our responses we are attaching a copy of the Service Notice for the member to review. If you intend to conduct these inspections, we strongly urge you to become familiar with the Law and Rule as written. After reviewing the information, if you still have a question contact us at LL152@nycmpc.org . A few of the questions we received have stumped the panel and we are working with the NGA to have these questions addressed. We are preparing a FAQ document that will be sent to membership once completed.

As members are starting to conduct these inspections, they are encountering many different issues. What do you do when you find a non-code complaint fitting (ex. possible steam fitting on a gas line)? Well, that is an immediately reportable hazard. What if there are no leaks? What will the response be from the utility and DOB? Will a 100+unit building need to be shut down because of this?

Our Committee is working on a list of responses for AOCs, which will be presented to the DOB at the October Sub-Ops Meeting. An example is discovering a gas flex on a commercial dryer. What can be done to not have to shut down a laundry room, ranch line or, possibly, meter? What can be done to avoid or minimize a violation to the owner?

Do you have any other examples and possible suggestions? We want to hear from you. Please send them to us at LL152@nycmpc.org .



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October Membership Meeting – Limited Space Available!

MPC's October general membership meeting will be held indoors, adhering to all NYC COVID mandates. This meeting requires pre-registration (no walk-ins).

There will be a special presentation on the latest DOB and Local Law 152 information. Take advantage of this opportunity to ask our committee members questions in person.

We have a strict maximum of 50 attendees. Because of this limited capacity, only one person per member company will be allowed to attend. Please register promptly.

See the guidelines below that we are following:

- If you have not pre-registered, you will be turned away.
- Doors will be locked promptly at 6:15pm, so please arrive on time.
- This meeting is limited to members in good standing only and only one person per member company may attend.
- No nonmember or guest is permitted to attend. (No exceptions.)
- All COVID-related social distancing protocols will be enforced by the vendor. Members must adhere to these guidelines.

We have set up the venue to accommodate all comfort levels. Those who do not wish to eat, or to remove their masks at any time, may sit at a separate table in the back of the restaurant. Seats in this section will be socially distanced and no waiter will approach the table.

Registration will take place from 5:00pm - 6:15pm. Dinner will be served at this time. Registration will end at 6:15pm and there will be no admittance after that time.

A buffet dinner will be offered to those who wish to eat. All food will be served by a masked restaurant employee. Members must wear masks whenever they are not seated, including when at the buffet or restrooms.

Who Can Attend: Only MPC members in good standing may attend. One person per member company is permitted to attend the meeting. Registration on the website is only open to Regular, Affiliate and Professional members, therefore those are the only people who can register themselves or someone else from their company.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Time: Registration & Dinner: 5:00 - 6:15 PM | Meeting: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Location: The Rooftop at Vetro Restaurant (164-49 Cross Bay Blvd, Howard Beach, NY)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

**On the website, this meeting will only be visible to members, you must be signed in to see it.*

***Registration is only available to Regular, Affiliate and Professionals Members. Co and Associate Member will not have access to registration. It is the responsibility of the Regular, Affiliate and Professional Member to sign up the designated representative from their company.*

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LICENSE RENEWAL UPDATE

Message from the Executive Board:

The MPC will has sent an email to any member set to expire in 2020 to remind them to submit a **complete** application no later than 60 days before their expiration date.

MPC Licensing Committee Comments:

To keep your license active, you must submit a **complete** application no later than **60** days before your expiration date. An application is not complete unless you have checked all of the boxes and the information provided is accurate. It is your responsibility to make sure that all forms are completed accurately.

THINGS YOU SHOULD DO TO GET RENEWED IN TIME

- 1- Have your completed application ready to go 75 days ahead of your expiration.
- 2- Do you have a question about a form or what is required? **Contact the Licensing Unit at:**
NYC Department of Buildings - Licensing & Exams Unit
280 Broadway, 1st Floor, New York, NY 10007
Hotline Number: (212) 393-2259 | **Email:** Licensingdob@buildings.nyc.gov
- 3- Submit your application **no later** than 60 days ahead of your expiration.
- 4- If you are not renewed 30 days ahead of your expiration contact the Unit.
- 5- If your application is reviewed and rejected, immediately make the corrections, and resubmit it.
- 6- If you do not receive a response contact the MPC at licensing@nycmpc.org.

UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Any time you are required to make a correction you must submit an **ENTIRE COMPLETE** revised application package. Failure to do so may result in your license expiring.



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Updated 09-21-20

Abnormal Operating Conditions List

Message from the DOB Committee:

Hopefully everyone has received the list and is using it during their inspections. We anticipate this list being revised within the next month as new situations are being encountered. Members have been contacting us about unqualified persons advertising to conduct these inspections, as well as plumbers who have been advertising extremely low priced inspections. Please send any literature you come across that meets this criteria to LL152@nycmpc.org

How should you use this list?

This list was formatted to be used during an inspection. It lists an AOC and the required actions to take. Again, this was derived directly from the Interior Gas Piping and Safety Inspection Training program.

- The list can be used as a guide during an inspection.
- It can be a checklist that you can save to document an inspection.
- It can be provided to an owner.
- It can be used as a training tool for inspectors.

Important: The DOB has determined that these inspections are to be conducted utilizing the 2014 NYC Construction Codes as a standard for determining a non-code compliant installation. That requires you to identify such non-code compliance AOC's such as gas piping labels, "future" connections; etc. The presence of these non-code compliant conditions **may not require** the conditions be reported to the DOB or that the owner take remedial actions.

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102.2 Existing installations. Except as otherwise provided for in this chapter or elsewhere in this code, a provision in this code shall not require the removal, alteration or abandonment of, nor prevent the continued utilization and maintenance of, existing installations lawfully in existence on the effective date of this code.

This section of the Code provides for the continued use of an existing system. We have addressed this specific issue with the DOB and are awaiting clarification. We recommend that you should identify any of these situations and list them as possible recommendations that the owner may want to undertake to upgrade their gas piping system.

Please send any questions, concerns, or comments to LL152@nycmpc.org .

[Click here for the Abnormal Operating Conditions List.](#)

WARNING: Any DOT 86/87 **active** qualified operator is **required** to conduct these inspections according to the NYS inspection protocols. In order to conduct these inspections, the inspector **must** be either a DOT 86/87 **active** qualified operator to conduct these inspections or a NYC licensed Master Plumber.



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8-Hour Backflow Prevention Recertification Course

The MPC is hosting an 8-Hour Backflow Prevention Recertification Course on **Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00am to 4:30pm** at the Robert John Daly Memorial Training Center in Bellerose. Please fill out the survey below if you have employees who are available to take the course so that we may contact you for registration. [Click here to complete the survey.](#)

PLEASE NOTE: Class is first come first served, and we have limited spaces available. Please reserve your spot ASAP.

16 Hour Limited Gas Work Qualification Course

The requirements of Local Law 150 went into effect on January 1, 2020.

The MPC realizes there is a shortage of availability for the required 16 Hour Limited Gas Work Qualification Training class. Attendance at this class is required to obtain a Limited Gas Work qualification. As an extra benefit to membership, we have entered into a partnership with a DOB approved Course provider to provide the 16 Hour Course Limited Gas Work Qualification course.

The MPC offers the only unique and immersive class experience at our training center in Bellerose, Queens. We believe that the best training is when all of our students have the opportunity see gas work demonstrated on real piping. Register for your 16 Hour Course with the MPC to ensure that you are receiving the highest quality, most authentic education. These training sessions will be provided on an as needed basis. The training sessions will take place at the Robert John Daly Memorial Training Center in Bellerose at an investment of \$375/student.

If you are interested in having your employees take the 16 Hour Limited Gas Work Qualification Course, please [click here](#) to complete the mandatory Limited Gas Work Qualification survey.

Once you have completed the survey, you will receive an email from 16hourcourse@nycmpc.org with course availability. Please be advised that classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Overstock Items Resource – Member Benefit

On our website we have set up a "blog" called Overstock Materials. Here you can post items that you are looking to sell or simply give away. In your post please include descriptions of the item(s), photos and your contact information. Any interested members can contact that person directly to discuss the item(s).

Please note the MPC makes no representation for any of the materials or equipment being offered for sale or trade. All transactions shall be between members and it is the member's responsibility to follow all legal requirements. If you have any questions, please email us at office@nycmpc.org.

Please [click here](#) to post your items and to see what other members are posting.



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NYC DEP WATER REUSE GRANT PROGRAM DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 10/15/20

The NYC Water Reuse Grant Program deadline has been extended to **October 15, 2020**. Please find the [One Pager](#) on the program and read below for more information. Should you have any questions or program-specific inquiries, feel free to direct them to waterconservation@dep.nyc.gov.

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has announced a second call for applications for the New York City Water Conservation and Reuse Grant Pilot Program.

This Grant Program promotes New York City water efficiency projects that conserve at least one million gallons of water per year (about 2,740 gallons per day) and cost at least \$50,000 per building. Eligible opportunities may include, but are not limited to, water reuse systems, fixture retrofits, and other projects that upgrade the building's plumbing system to save water.

This application round will extend from July 2020 through October 15, 2020. For a full list of eligibility criteria and more information, please visit our website: www.nyc.gov/dep/water-conservation-grant.

INSPECTION WAIT TIMES – PLAN AHEAD

Updated on September 21, 2020

It looks like things have gone back to normal. [Click here](#) for the DOB NOW Inspection page and click **Inspection Service Levels** for the current service levels.

Are you seeing it different? Let us know at dob@nycmpc.org

DOB UPDATE (9.2.20) - Local Law 114 of 2019: Denial of Permits for False Statements and Work Without a Permit

Message from the Executive Board:

On August 5, 2020, the DOB initiated a new procedure to prevent permit issuance if there is a Work Without Permit or false statement violation. You may still be able to file if you submit a Local Law of 2019 Request for Exception to Permit Denial form ([click here](#)) indicating one or more of the exceptions that may apply.

Remember that you may always perform emergency work under NYC Administrative Code Section 28-105.4.1. and that you **must** submit a permit application to remain compliant. You may also still have to submit an L2 form to obtain a permit. If the application for waiver is denied, the fines must be paid ahead of permit issuance. Please send your comments, questions, or concerns to dob@nycmpc.org.



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Local Law 114 of 2019: Denial of Permits for False Statements and Work Without a Permit

Beginning August 5, 2020, DOB will deny initial work permits for multiple dwellings where the Department has issued a summons for submitting a false statement on a Plan/Work Application (PW1) regarding the occupancy status of the building (Section 26 of the PW1), or performing Work Without a Permit while the building was occupied. The one-year permit restriction will apply if the summons was issued on or after December 5, 2019 – the effective date of **Local Law 114 of 2019**. The restriction will remain in effect for one-year from the issuance of the summons. However, the permit restriction can be removed before the one-year timeframe if the summons is dismissed by OATH.

[Click here to continue reading the Service Notice.](#)



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