



WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 2, 2020

Message from the Executive Board:

The weeks seem to be flying by. We hope to see some of you at next week's in person general membership meeting. It has been mentioned before, but it is worth repeating, if you are unable to attend, or are uncomfortable attending the in person meeting, you will not miss any of the important information that we provide to membership. The main benefit of attending the meeting is that it provides you the ability to meet with our committee members and interact with our affiliates and other members in person. Hopefully, the news reports of another possible shutdown are inaccurate, and we will be back to "normal" soon.

On the LL152 front, we sent our FAQ suggestions back to the DOB and the DOB has published its FAQs. [Click here for Local Law 152 of 2016: Inspections of Exposed Gas Piping FAQs.](#)

NOTE: Last week we sent an update to the DOB. This information is **NOT** complete.

1. **Leak surveys must be done with the wand extended 6" over the pipe.**
2. **If you cannot gain access to the POE (inside of a tenant space), you **cannot** do the inspection.**
3. **Outdoor pipping is **NOT** subject to a leak survey.**
4. **Conduct the inspection as per 2014 Code and current Yellow and Blue Book regulations. Unless they are hazardous items not in compliance, they may not have to be reported as AOCs.**

Please make sure you are familiar with the information that is already available. We published the AOC list. The process of completing and submitting the forms is clearly written in the [Service Notice](#). After reading the Service Notice if you still have a question, contact us at LL152@nycmpc.org. Do you have any other examples and possible suggestions? We want to hear from you. Please send them to us.

The DOB Committee is gearing up for the October Sub-Ops Committee Meeting on October 06, 2020. While it is too late to for a question submitted for this month's meeting, members are encouraged to send their questions to dob@nycmpc.org



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SUNY Empire State College/CTLTC 7-hour License Renewal Course

Please be aware that due to COVID-19 this course will only be available remotely. **It will be a LIVE virtual one-day only course.** All material will be sent to attendees the night before the course.

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 | 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

[Click here to register and for more information.](#)

**Please be aware that the DOB requires you to take this course within one year of your license renewal date.*

DOB UPDATES

INSPECTION WAIT TIMES – PLAN AHEAD

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

Cancelling inspections:

Development inspections (actual) are supposed to provide a minimum of 48 hours' notice ahead of the inspection. If you receive an appointment that you must cancel **for any reason**, follow the instructions provided in the email.

Sample for a Bronx inspection. The procedure is the same in all boroughs.

*....If this is not possible at the date and time provided, please log into [DOB NOW: Inspections](#) to cancel the inspection and request a new inspection. If you need to cancel less than two business days prior to the scheduled inspection, call the Department of Buildings at **718-960-4720**.*

This is an automated message; please do not reply. If you have questions or concerns, contact the Unit of the Department of Buildings at BXplumbingIR@buildings.nyc.gov.

A member recently made a complaint about canceling an inspection and the inspectors actually showed up. If you have a similar experience, we need to hear from you. Email us at dob@nycmpc.org



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BOILER DIVISION

The DOB Boiler Division is keeping track of the failure rates of licensed individuals conducting boiler inspections. There has been talk in the past of violating these individuals for high rates of failure. This item has been added to the October Sub-Ops Committee Meeting. Have you had an experience where you failed a boiler inspection and believe it was not your fault? We need to hear from you. Please email dob@nycmpc.org.

In continuing our goal to be proactive, the Executive Board has asked the DOB Committee to prepare a “tip sheet” to prepare for and successfully pass a boiler inspection (the first time). Look for this in a future update.

In the meantime, please review what you are actually attesting to when you submit an appointment request:

Verified Statement of Readiness: This statement is hereby affirmed under the installer’s professional seal as proof that the conditions as stated have been met prior to requesting an inspection appointment. Failed tests resulting from false or incorrect statements of readiness may result in referrals for disciplinary investigation. I hereby affirm the device installed matches the device described in this application. I further affirm that I have inspected the device and the positioning of the device within the premises, and I confirm that the installation is in conformance with New York State and City Code, Rules, and Regulations requirements and the ASME standards.

Biggest take away here:

Failed tests resulting from false or incorrect statements of readiness may result in referrals for disciplinary investigation.

What does that mean? It means **BSIU** investigation. You do not want that.

REPORT CLAIMS TIMELY AND AVOID COSTLY PENALTIES

Reporting all Workers’ Compensation claims promptly is a critical component to controlling Workers’ Compensation claim costs. Failure to report an employee’s claim promptly can result in penalties, direct and indirect costs, and can damage employee morale. The National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) recently published a paper that concluded a two-week delay in reporting claims can result in as much as a 51% increase in incurred costs. All claims must be reported within 10 days of knowledge.

Source: Keevily | Spero Whitelaw - www.keevily.com



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OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

We have reached registration capacity. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to join the waitlist.

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.

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.

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)

[Revised Information from Previous Updates:](#)

LICENSE RENEWAL UPDATE

Updated 09-28-20

Message from the Executive Board:

We continue to have members whose licenses are “expiring” prior to renewal. At the time of this printing, we have one out for about a month and one on the precipice of expiration. We have requested a meeting with licensing to review the renewal “process”. We need your help. Let us know about your experiences and provide any suggestions to improve the process. Please email

licensing@nycmpc.org.

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The DOB has maintained a position of “if you submit a complete and accurate” application within 60 days of the proposed expiration date, you will not have a problem. Please do your best to read and follow the information in the next section.

REPEATED from 09-21-20

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.

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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Abnormal Operating Conditions List

Message from the DOB Committee:

Hopefully, everyone has received the AOC list and is using it during inspections. Please send any questions about situations that you encounter in the field to LL152@nycmpc.org. We are counting on members to provide us with information and pictures if possible.

REPEATED from 09-21-20



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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.

NYCFG 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.

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.](#)



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16 Hour Limited Gas Work Qualification Course

October Course Available - 10/17 & 10/18

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.

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.



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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.



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