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Dr. Carol Sonnenblick
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Dear Dr. Sonnenblick:

Your email of September 19, 2008 to Debra Palmieri-Russo forwarding questions from Marc Bianco of American Safety Consultants regarding supported scaffold user certifications was referred to me for response.

The first question was whether new building code chapter 33 supersedes the requirement of Local Law 52 of 2005 that only workers on supported scaffolds that are 40 feet or more in height need a user certification. The sections added by Local Law 52 were repealed by the new code. Therefore, the training course is required for all users, regardless of the height of the scaffold.

The second question referred to the frequency of refresher courses and whether someone who took a refresher two years ago would need to take another now or in two years. Local Law 8 of 2008 amended section 3314.4.6 to add the following language:

The requirement that a refresher program or course be completed every four years shall apply retroactively to individuals who satisfied such requirements prior to the effective date of this code.

In other words, anyone who took a refresher course within the past two years could wait another two years before taking another.

I hope this addresses the issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah R. Glikin".

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c: E. Curtis