



May 31, 2012

Mr. Dan Margulies  
Executive Director  
Association of Builders & Owners of Great NY

Dear Dan,

**Background**

The new NYC 2011 Electrical Code (“Code”) adopted the 2008 National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) and created amendments specific to New York City electrical practices. The administrative provisions of the Electrical Code empowered the Department to use new enforcement tools that would allow it to better address unlicensed work and violations of the Electrical Code. These amendments to the New York City Electrical Code, approved by the City Council took effect on July 1, 2011.

**Enforcement**

The Environmental Control Board (“ECB”) Notice of Violation (“NOV”) is one such enforcement tool. The Environmental Control Board is an administrative tribunal that adjudicates quality of life violations for New York City. For these violations, the person named on the NOV (the owner, contractor, etc.) must correct the condition and certify correction to the Department. The person named on the NOV, or a representative, may also challenge the NOV at a hearing at the ECB. NOVs may be issued for violations of the Electrical Code stemming from the Department’s findings during complaint inspections, development (permitted job) inspections and other circumstances. A finding that unpermitted or unlicensed work was performed will result in the issuance of an NOV.

**Development Inspections**

Starting July 1, 2012, what are now called “Electrical Violations” will become objections. The Notice of Objection will be similar to the letter the Department sends an Electrical licensee to notify him or her of violations found during an electrical sign-off inspection. The Department will also be making those objections available on the Buildings Information System (“BIS”) so the Electrical Licensee can view them online as well. Note that an Electrical Licensee’s failure to resolve objections may become the basis for a NOV that will be issued against him/her.

Additionally, starting July 1, 2012, the Department intends to issue NOVs for violations of the Electrical Code on electrical jobs when the nature of the violating condition is egregious and affects public safety. The NOV will be written to the Licensee/Contractor. The Electrical Code provision violated and the nature of the violation will be clearly described on the NOV.



**More Information**

If your association would like more information about the ECB process and the ECB violation classification with penalties, they can be found through these web links:

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/html/safety/ecb\\_violation.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/html/safety/ecb_violation.shtml) and  
<http://ldaclinic.law.columbia.edu/ecb/?q=node/22>

The Department will also be hosting three Electrical ECB Open Houses from **4:30pm-6:30pm**:

June 12, 2012	Manhattan	280 Broadway, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor
June 14, 2012	Queens	120-55 Queens Boulevard, LL
June 21, 2012	Brooklyn	210 Joralemon Street, 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor

If anyone in your association would like to come, please R.S.V.P. by email to [efilinginformation@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:efilinginformation@buildings.nyc.gov) and state which Open House you plan to attend.

Thank you,

DOB Administrative Enforcement Unit