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TO: All Building Officials and Fire Marshals in Miami-Dade County

**FROM: Herminio F. Gonzalez, P.E., Secretary
Board of Rules and Appeals**

DATE: November 24th, 2004

SUBJECT: Sprinkler Inspections and Mechanical Inspector Certification

At the November 18th, 2004 meeting of the Board of Rules and Appeals, the Board rendered an interpretation and clarification relevant to Sections 104.3.1.1 and 903 of the Florida Building Code and Sections 305, 509, 510 and 602.2.1.2 of the Florida Mechanical Code. The Board approved the following interpretation:

In reference to Florida Building Code Sections 104.3.1.1, 903 and the Florida Mechanical Code Sections 305, 509, 510 and 602.2.1.2, the Building Official shall not perform inspections on fire sprinkler systems nor plan review on fire sprinkler systems.

Furthermore, by making this rule, the Board considered that the Building Official did not have the authority to inspect fire sprinkler systems governed by Florida State Statute 633, Fire Prevention and Control. This task is to be performed by licensed personnel under F.S. 633.

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