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MEMO TO: Elevator Companies

FROM: Thomas M. Chambers
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RE: M.R.L. Machine and Control Space/Rooms

Recently we inspected two projects where the control space for the M.R.L was located outside of the building. We noted several issues with both installations that were required to be altered to comply with the code.

The main issue was the size of the space did not allow full body entry. Because the door opened to outside air, we were concerned that there was great potential for the service person to be exposed to numerous hazards, such as rain, snow and wind. Both of the aforementioned projects did not make provisions to prevent these conditions and consequently failed inspection.

Effective today, any machine room/space or control room/space that opens to the outside of the building must be designed for full body entry and meet all clearances (NEC) and ASME A17.1.

Please provide this information to any potential customers, designers and architects you are working with in effort to take appropriate action for all futures designs involving this technology.

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Cc: Area Supervisors
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