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Re: Chimney Liner Replacement

Mr. Speranza,

In response to your letter dated January 29, 2019, The Department has received numerous inquiries regarding the installation of chimney liners in existing structures. The following is the Department's position:

Per NJAC 5:23-6.3 chimney liners are defined as "System" and the replacement of the liner would be categorized as "Renovation Work". Under NJAC 5:23-2.17A(c)1 ii and NJAC 5:23-2.17A(c)1iv this is Minor Work and therefore the inspection is limited to "what is visible at the time of inspection". The subsequent CA that is issued shall state this per NJAC 5:23-2.17A(d)2.

If the liner replacement is done at the same time the fuel fired appliance is being replaced then the chimney verification, Form F-370, is required to be submitted at the time the application for Minor work is made, NJAC 5:23-2.20(d)1. This form is to be filled out in its entirety and signed by the contractor installing the fuel fired equipment. This form has multiple verifications depending on the type of work being done. The only time the code official can require that the connector be disassembled is when the applicant does not verify the liner.

The Department understands the concerns that the members of your association have, the regulations do not allow for the removal of the connector. The department is always willing to review changes to the regulations that are submitted to and reviewed by the proper Code Advisory Boards.

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Sincerely,



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