

Clarification to DEB Notice 102709 – Building Official Inspection

There has been some confusion on the requirements of DEB Notice 102709 – Building Official Inspection. The inspections are three incremental inspections in addition to the Substantial Completion inspection that will be performed by the Building Official at specific requested times during the project. These inspections are not intended to substitute or replace Agency Inspections, Fire Marshal Inspections and/or Special Inspections, which must continue. The purpose of these new inspections is to ensure code compliant construction of items prior to concealment. This will minimize the necessity of changes that may be required as a result of improper construction which would require demolition in order to correct if identified at a later time. Experience has shown that Building Official Inspections can accomplish these goals.

The requirement does not apply to projects for which a Building Permit has already been issued. The requirement only applies to construction for which the specific inspections are noted on the Building Permit.

The requirement will not be applied to all new work. Projects to be inspected will be chosen on the basis of size, cost, location or complexity, which it is in the judgment of the Building Official, will benefit from one or all of these inspections.