

## Photoluminescent Markings and Signs Installation Deadline Approaching

May 16, 2006

To continue our efforts to enhance public safety, the Department of Buildings is requiring all high rise and office buildings to take extra measures to protect their occupants during an emergency evacuation.

Effective July 1, 2006, Photoluminescent Exit Path Markings must be installed in all high rise (equal or above 75 feet in height), E-class occupancy group (office) buildings. These markings and signs are in addition to, and not in place of, existing requirements relating to exit signs.

Once installed, affidavit [Form LL 26/04-1](#) certifying compliance must be submitted to the Buildings Department. Per Local Law 26 of 2004, the installation must be completed and the affidavit **MUST** be submitted by July 1, 2006. In addition to the affidavit, the following information must be included:

- Identify the Material Equipment and Acceptance Unit (MEA) approval number of each product on the affidavit. Only [products approved](#) by the MEA Unit are acceptable.
- Provide the manufacturer's product literature.

After July 1, 2006, no new or altered high rise office buildings will be issued a Certificate of Occupancy without installing Photoluminescent Exit Path Markings and filing the affidavit.

The Buildings Department is dedicated to your safety. Make your office building Code compliant by installing Photoluminescent Exit Path Markings today. For questions regarding technical/installation information, contact the Manhattan Borough Commissioner's Office at (212) 566-0021. For affidavit submission information, contact the Local Law Enforcement Unit at (212) 566-5120.