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**Re: Request for interpretation from the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations
regarding 527 CMR 11**

Dear Mr. Beaudin:

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations has received and reviewed the questions you presented to the Board. The Board hereby answers your questions as follows:

Question: "Is it permissible under the provisions of 527 CMR 11.00 to conduct the required inspection(s) solely by means of a video camera?"

Response: Although the use of video camera may assist in the required inspection under 527 CMR 11, due to the unique nature of exhaust systems, it should not be used as the sole means of such inspection.

Question: "Must a person hold a Hood Cleaning Certificate of Competency in order to activate a water wash duct system?"

Response: No, a person does not need to hold a Hood Cleaning Certificate of Competency in order to activate a water wash duct system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David P. Demers".

David P. Demers, PE
Chairman