



Regarding the proposed amendment to Exception 6 which excludes the Group I-2 occupancies from the option of using elevator hoistway pressurization in lieu of the required enclosed elevator lobbies, we also support that amendment. We believe that the pressurization of elevator hoistways is problematic and is certainly not desirable in Group I-2 occupancies. The pressurization system may drive dust and other contaminants within the air stream used to pressurize the elevator shafts into the building into areas where it may be very detrimental to the patients. Furthermore, in these type occupancies the patients will most likely remain in place and/or be relocated to an adjacent smoke zone on the same story where they will remain until they can be rescued and evacuated or moved to another safe location by the responding fire department. In such cases it is more desirable to rely on a passive type elevator lobby enclosure protection system rather than an active type air pressurization system for the elevator hoistways.