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Mr. Gary Moccia, Chairman  
Board of Building Regulations and Standards  
1 Ashburton Place – Room 1301  
Boston, MA 02109

RE: Code change proposal

Dear Mr. Moccia:

I am writing to you in your capacity as chairman with the following code change proposal (attached). I am recommending that Table 106 should be amended to require an annual inspection on permit renewals for all high hazard use groups with a fee to be determined by the Board.

The reason for this change is a result of the Danvers explosion in which a high hazard use building was in operation within the community. Due to the nature of these operations, I believe it is important that these buildings should be inspected by both the building and fire departments, at least yearly, to ensure compliance with appropriate regulations. I am submitting a similar request to the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Coan  
State Fire Marshal

cc: Commissioner Thomas Gatzunis, Department of Public Safety  
Robert Anderson, Building Division/Administrator, Department of Public Safety

Use Group	Use Group	Use Group Description	Minimum Inspections	Maximum Certification Period	Fee
H-1	High Hazard	Detonation Hazard	Annual	One Year	TBD
H-2	High Hazard	Deflagration Hazard	Annual	One Year	TBD
H-3	High Hazard	Physical Hazard	Annual	One Year	TBD
H-4	High Hazard	Health Hazard	Annual	One Year	TBD