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Duties and Responsibilities of Special Inspectors

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 455C states that only the Mechanical Compliance Section (MCS) as defined in NAC 455C.012 and Authorized Inspection Agencies (AIA) as defined in NAC 455C.403 are authorized to perform inspections of elevators. This is supported by the following:

NAC 455C.521 A person shall not inspect an elevator in this State or perform any other duties for which a certificate of competency is required unless the person is:

1. An inspector employed by the Mechanical Compliance Section; or
2. A special inspector employed by or affiliated with an authorized inspection agency.

Therefore, these are the only entities allowed to bill for inspection services. The fees and charges of the MCS are listed in NAC 455C.450, whereas the fees and charges of the AIA's are determined by the individual AIA companies.

AIAs are required to interact directly with the owner of the conveyance being inspected. This is supported by the following:

NAC 455C.519 § 2 A special inspector is responsible for billing and collecting the payment for any inspection service he or she performs.

NAC 455C.520 A special inspector who inspects an elevator as required by NAC 455C.400 to 455C.530, inclusive, must not be employed by the contractor who was required to obtain a permit for the elevator in accordance with NAC 455C.506, be employed by the licensed elevator contractor who performed the work to be inspected, or be the same person as the elevator mechanic who performed, or the elevator mechanic apprentice or the elevator mechanic helper who assisted in, the construction, installation, maintenance, relocation, alteration or repair of the elevator or the replacement of a device, component, or subsystem of the elevator that necessitated the inspection.

The owner of the conveyance selects the entity who will perform the inspection services that are not specifically the responsibility of the MCS. This is supported by the following (emphasis added):

NAC 455C.522 § 2 Each periodic test required by NAC 455C.400 to 455C.530, inclusive, must be performed by a person who is certified as an elevator mechanic pursuant to NAC 455C.460. The licensed elevator contractor who will perform a periodic test required by NAC 455C.400 to 455C.530, inclusive, shall notify the special inspector *retained by the owner of the building* and the Mechanical Compliance Section at least 3 business days before the date that the test will take place of the date, time and location that the test will take place. A special inspector or the Mechanical Compliance Section, if the Mechanical Compliance Section determines it is appropriate, shall witness each test, including, without limitation, the category 1, 3 and 5 periodic tests required by the Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, A17.1, as adopted by reference in NAC 455C.500.

Please contact this office with any further questions.

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