

## **STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-32-00 (Corrected)**

May 17, 2000

The following is offered in response to your letter in which you request official interpretations regarding administrative provisions of the State Building Code.

**Section I:** You refer to a July 6, 1998 letter that I wrote to you and ask the following additional questions:

**Question Ia:** “Is work performed before the issuance of the STOP WORK order a violation of the State Building Code?”

**Answer Ia:** In the instance you refer to, it is my understanding that the STOP WORK order was issued as a result of your performing or causing to have performed, roofing work prior to application for, or issuance of, a building permit. The performance of roofing work without a building permit is a code violation, so in this case the work performed prior to the issuance of the STOP WORK order was also prior to the issuance of the permit, and therefore a violation of the State Building Code.

**Question Ib:** “Is a local building official within his right to pursue enforcement of a violation for work performed prior to issuance of the STOP WORK order?”

**Answer Ib:** In the instance you refer to, since the work performed prior to the issuance of the STOP WORK order was in violation of the State Building Code (see answer Ia), the building official is within his right to pursue enforcement of the violation.

**Question IIa:** “Did one building code apply to all municipalities in Connecticut in 1989?”

**Answer IIa:** Yes. Pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-253, of the Connecticut General Statutes, “The State Building Code, including any amendment to said code adopted by the State Building Inspector and Codes and Standards Committee, shall be the building code for all towns, cities and boroughs.”

**Question IIb:** “If so, what is the official title of that building code?”

**Answer IIb:** Depending on the date of permit application, one of two codes would apply, due to a code change during 1989. From January 1, 1989 through October 15, 1989 the applicable code was the 1987 State Building Code. From October 16, 1989 through December 31, 1989 the applicable code was the 1989 State Building Code.