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Mr. Saroj Bhol, P.E., Manager
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Re: Freedom Tower

Dear Mr. Bhol:

The Department of Buildings has reviewed the request to PANY & NJ from WSP Cantor Seinuk, dated September 8, 2006, regarding the seismic design and structural steel for the Freedom Tower.

We have no objections to the use of the AISC-LRFD design standard for the design of the steel components of the structure, including the seismic resisting elements, following the IBC-2003 provisions using the local site and seismic factors. We also have no objection to the use of ASTM A913 Grade 65 steel for the main vertical seismic load-carrying elements as is approved in design standard AISC 341-02 and IBC-2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fatma M. Amer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and "A".

Fatma M. Amer, P.E.
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Constandino Sirakis, P.E., Project Engineer



SUBJECT: Freedom Tower Egress

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