Subject: ASME A17.1/CSA B44 Public Review Period, Part II

Safety Code: ASME A17.1/CSA B44

As you know, we previously issued an alert regarding the public review period for ASME A17.1/CSA B44. During the review and comment period, there was an error resulting in removal of the Public Review Draft from the Public Review Page prior to the comment period end date. As a result, ASME has reposted two Public Review Drafts for A17.1/CSA B44.

Currently, there are two separate Public Review Drafts posted on ASME’s Public Review Page. They are listed as “Revise current ANSI: ASME A17.1-20XX/CSA B44:XX-20XX, Safety Code for Elevator and Escalators, Package #1 and Package #2.” Each “package” has its own 45-day review and comment period. Package #1 ends on November 22nd and Package #2 on November 29th. These Public Review Drafts can be found on ASME’s Public Review Drafts page by navigating to the following link: https://cstools.asme.org/csconnect/PublicReviewpage.cfm

Please note, the comment period end date reflects the day after the public review end date. The public review ends the day before at 11:59 PM (EST). Also be sure to identify the Record number when making your comments about a specific subject.

Comment periods provide the public an opportunity to weigh in on proposed changes to the Code. One particular proposal is Record 20-2624, now found on page 18 of Package 2. Record 20-2624 defines Remote Interaction Operation (RIO), possible interactive functions of RIO and cybersecurity requirements for internet connected elevators. The IUEC has serious safety concerns with RIO, the vulnerability of elevator controls connected to the internet, and who may gain access to these systems. This is just one of many Records within these drafts that deserve your attention.

I urge you to take this opportunity as an Elevator Constructor and a member of the public, to review the proposed changes and submit comments based on your areas of concern. The instructions for submitting comments are found at the top to the Public Review Page. I anticipate additional “Packages” to be released for public review as the current postings do not include some of the safety proposals which the IUEC supports.

If you have any questions regarding the public review draft or the submission of comments, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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