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ELEVATOR SAFETY PROGRAM CODE INTERPRETATION

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Applies to all new installations and alterations.

Subject: Roped Hydraulic Governor Access
Rule No: ASME A17.1, Rule 300.1 (OR-Amend)
ASME Interp: N/A
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Governors used on roped hydraulic elevators must be safely accessible for maintenance and testing.

Access from outside the hoistway is not required if the following conditions are met:

1. Governors are accessible from the car top for maintenance without the use of a ladder;
2. The governor rope is capable of being manually disconnected should the governor mechanism fail in a manner that would prevent car movement; and
3. Governors can be capable of being tested and reset from a location outside the hoistway.

In all other installations, an access panel shall be provided from the outside of the hoistway in compliance with ASME A17.1, Rule 101.3d.

James R. Runyan
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