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Mr. Neil Schultz,  
Executive Director  
VTEC Laboratories, Inc.  
212 Maniņa Street  
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Re: Hearth Cabinet Decorative Fireplace

Dear Mr. Schultz:

Your letter dated February 21, 2007 which was addressed to Deputy Commissioner Fatma Amer, P.E. has been forwarded to my office for review and consideration.

Please be advised that the Department concurs with the Fire Department in that the proposed installation is another type of what is known as "chafing fuels", but in the shape of a fireplace. Since chafing fuel is used for warming and is not capable of heating a room, the appliance is not a fireplace, fireplace stove or room heater. An MEA approval is not required for this appliance. Also, since the appliance as described is not connected to gas, electric or water, no work permit is required for installation.

In addition to complying with conditions imposed by the Fire Department in their January 18, 2007 letter, the use and operation of this equipment shall be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and ETL laboratory listing for the intended use. A carbon monoxide detector shall be installed within the vicinity of this Hearth Cabinet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Gottfried", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Donald Gottfried, P.E.  
Director, MEA Division

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C: Fatma Amer, P.E., Deputy Commissioner  
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