

FINAL REPORT

Visual Inspection of SSMC-III Elevator Pits

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Conducted at Building SSMC-3

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At the request of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Federal Occupational Health performed a visual inspection of the elevator pits in building SSMCIII, located at 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland.

The inspection was conducted on April 18, 2000 with representatives from Foulger-Pratt, NuChemCo, Facilities Management, the elevator service contractor and FOH. Two elevator banks and one service elevator operate in SSMCIII. All three were reviewed. The first bank of elevators observed were those in the lobby of SSMCIII serving floors 1-15. The group met in the lobby of floor 1, where the elevator contractor locked out individual cars (one at a time) then raised them to the next floor, providing a clear view of the pit beneath. Elevators on either side of the bank were inspected in this manner. All elevator pits appeared to be clean and dry, with no visible sign of leaks or water damage. The second group of elevators observed were those serving floors G4-1. The group went to floor G4 where individual elevator cars were locked out and raised for viewing the pit beneath. These pits also appeared clean and dry with no visible signs of leaks or water damage. The freight elevator pit was observed in the same manner. This pit was not as clean as those previously observed, but was dry with no visible signs of water damage or leaks. Photographs from each of the elevator pits are included below.

Pit from elevators floors 1-15



Pit from elevators, floors G4-1



Pit from freight elevator

