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**FW: Observation Deck**

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[REDACTED]@trumporg.com> Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 4:43 PM  
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Cc: [REDACTED]@trumporg.com>, [REDACTED]@trumporg.com>

As one of their requests for changes to the Observation Deck 12th Floor, NPS is asking to reverse the swing of the door that goes into the stair going down to the 10th Floor from the Observation Deck. Right now it swings out onto the floor. I mentioned in yesterday's meeting with GSA and NPS that I did not think the door had to swing in the direction of egress when there was only an occupancy of 25 people. I asked WDG and Hughes to confirm this and they did in the e-mail below. The door also could not be reversed because then it would create an unsafe and non-code compliant condition as you enter the stair. So no action is necessary on that door.

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On 8/19/16, 1:04 PM, [REDACTED]@jensenhughes.com> wrote:

>From a life safety standpoint, it is more important for the door to swing  
>over a landing than to swing in the direction of egress travel given the  
>occupant load.

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>From: [REDACTED]e@wdgarch.com]

>Sent: Friday, August 19, 2016 8:40 AM

>To: [REDACTED]

>Subject: RE: Observation Deck

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>Generally, 50 or more is when the door must swing in the direction of  
>travel. An exception is a door into an exit enclosure. That must always  
>swing in the direction of travel, regardless of occupant load. But, I've  
>never viewed this stair as an exit enclosure because it's not continuous  
>to grade.

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>As for the landing, generally always required. One exception is an  
>existing building, with an occupant load less than 50, and the door NOT

>swinging over the stair. Which means it would comply as-is today (door  
>swinging out). But if swinging in, it would not comply.

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>Ajay, if you disagree with anything I've written please let me know.

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: [REDACTED]@trumporg.com]

>Sent: Friday, August 19, 2016 7:18 AM

>To: [REDACTED]@wdgarch.com> [REDACTED]d@jensenhughes.com

>Subject: Observation Deck

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>Currently the Observation Deck is limited to 25 people by GSA for  
>occupancy. The door from the observation deck to the stair swings out of  
>the stair. NPS is asking us to reverse the door swing in but their is no  
>platform- you would just get steps immediately. First question- with 25  
>people does the door have to swing in the direction of egress. Second  
>question- can you have a stair door swing in with no platform. Thanks.

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