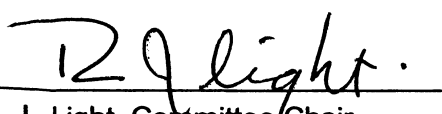


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Building Code Reference(s):	3.8.3.19.(1)(a)	
<b>Question:</b>		
<p>Clause 3.8.3.19.(1)(a) permits as an option an elevator to be used as an egress for persons with disabilities from unsprinklered floor areas.</p> <p>Is there any requirement for such elevators to be on emergency power or to be equipped with automatic recall?</p>		
<b>Interpretation:</b>		
<p>No</p> <p>Clause 3.8.3.19.(1)(a) simply requires that the elevators meet particular requirements of Subsection 3.2.6. and such requirements do not include emergency power or automatic recall.</p> <p>Refer to Interpretation 98-0086 for further information on elevator recall.</p>		
		
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