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Inspections Division
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Mr. Laflamme,

The University of Southern Maine recently underwent a renovation to the Facilities Management Building at 25 Bedford Street on the Portland Campus. Full plans and specifications were produced by Harriman Architects and Engineers. Hardypond Construction was awarded the contract for the construction.

PA portion of the renovations included adding an electrical sub-panel adjacent to the existing main panel located in the kitchen area of the building. The plans also called for the panels to be enclosed with studs and drywall. Access to the panels was scheduled to be attained through open bi-fold doors.

Upon initial inspection by the City of Portland it was deemed that the installation was non code compliant as the bi-fold doors were impeding on the required clear opening distance in front of the electrical panels. Through conversations with you it was decided that removing the door and hardware would allow for proper clearance to the panels. Hardypond Construction has since removed the door and hardware allowing for a code compliant installation.

USM understand the severity of the situation and will take responsibility for maintaining proper code compliant access to the electrical panels. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the Facilities Management Office at 780-4160.

Sincerely,

Adam Thibodeau
Director of Engineering and Architecture Services
University of Southern Maine