1. On each level of Munro Hall, there are exposed beams that drop below the level of the drop-ceiling. We realize that all sprinkler piping should be concealed above the drop ceiling, however, the exposed beams present difficulty in routing the conduit in a completely concealed manner.

Is it permissible to drop the sprinkler pipe below the beam when it is encountered, and then return the pipe path back into the concealed ceiling on the other side of the beam? The pipe could be painted to match the beam.

ANSWER: 1. Contractor may expose sprinkler piping to route under structural beams.

Exposed piping shall be:

1. Run tight to structural beam
2. Run at 90 degrees to structural beam
3. Painted to match structural beam.
4. Metal piping.
5. During the site visit, we saw several bathrooms with gypsum or concrete ceilings. Can sprinkler piping be exposed in any of the bathrooms?

ANSWER: 2. Contractor shall run sprinkler piping above suspended gypsum board ceilings in accordance with the contract documents. Contractor may expose sprinkler piping in any rooms and/or stairwells with concrete Ceilings in accordance with the contract documents. All exposed piping shall be painted to match ceilings in accordance with the contract documents.