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**To: Architects, Engineers, Testing Laboratories,
School Districts, Inspectors, Interested Parties**

**From: Division of the State Architect
Department of General Services
State of California**

SUBJECT: New Structural Testing and Special Inspection Requirements

Purpose: To announce to stakeholders that, as a result of the changes in the new 2007 California Building Code (CBC), a new Statement of Structural Tests and Special Inspections (the T&I List; Form DSA-103) has been developed and posted on the DSA website. Also, significant changes to the requirements for tests and special inspections have taken place. These changes are clarified in IRs 17-4 through 17-7.

Policy: The new T&I List (Form [DSA-103](#)) should be used for all projects. It should be submitted at the time the project is submitted to DSA.

Effective January 1, 2009 projects submitted to DSA must be accompanied by the new T&I List. It is recommended that the T&I List be included in the specifications or on the drawings for the project.

The T&I List is a summary of tests and special inspections required for a project (in accordance with 2007 CBC Section 1705A), however, the detailed requirements for testing and special inspections must still be clearly described in the DSA approved documents.

Several requirements of the new 2007 CBC are clarified by the publication of the new T&I List and are further clarified by the following IRs:

- **General test and special inspection requirements** as well as the differences between a "test" and a "special inspection" are described in [IR 17-4](#),
- **Testing requirements** are clarified in [IR 17-5](#),
- **Special inspection requirements** are clarified in [IR 17-6](#) including:
 - o the difference between "periodic" and "continuous" special inspection,
 - o special inspections that will be performed by the project inspector,
 - o reporting requirements.
- **Soil and foundation related testing requirements** are clarified in [IR 17-7](#).

Links for more information: Form [DSA-103.INSTR](#) provides instruction for using the new form. Information on opening the new form, which is an Excel spreadsheet with macros, is provided in [Opening the New T&I Form](#).
