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Ms. Rosario Marin
Chair
California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: Express Terms for Proposed Building Standards of the Office of the State Fire Marshall (SFM) Regarding the 2007 California Fire Code, California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 9

Dear Ms Rosario:

DGA is an architectural firm that specializes in designing technical facilities that contain hazardous material. In the last 10 years, we have completed over 12 million sq. ft. of such facilities. We are writing in support of the aforementioned Express Terms being proposed by the SFM to be included in Section 443 of the 2007 California Building Code. We feel that adopting the amended L-Occupancy is critical to the ongoing growth and development of the hi-tech industry in California, especially the biotechnology industry.

We also believe that the California Health and Safety Code Section 18949.2(b) authorizes the State Fire Marshall to propose these code amendments as described in, and are supportive of the extensive and inclusive process created by the State Fire Marshall's Office in the development of the L-Occupancy, which has been a very positive, constructive process that has addressed all the issues and included representatives of industry and regulatory organizations from across the State.

We heartily endorse these Express Terms as they serve to clarify the requirements for facilities using hazardous material and to enhance the safety measures and controls that will ensure safe operations. Please adopt the Express Terms as submitted.

Sincerely,


Randall Dowler, AIA
President
DG Architects