

October 9, 2009



*California Building Standards Commission
Dave Walls, Executive Director
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833*

Dear Mr. Walls:

I've heard that there is a move afoot to remove the restriction of the use of PVC and ABS pipes and fittings in hospitals, nursing facilities and correctional treatment centers. Why?

PVC and ABS pipes are combustible, and contain lots of toxins that would disperse in the atmosphere if there were a fire. Plus, burning plastic would cause a fire to spread much more quickly than cast iron, which does not burn or give off toxic fumes.

Also, from an environmental standpoint, cast iron pipe and fittings are made from post consumer recycled scrap iron, where plastic is made from resins that are not recyclable.

The main concern of the California Building Standards Commission should be protecting public safety, as well as the environment.

I implore you to reconsider removing the restriction of the use of PVC and ABS - it's the right thing to do!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martin Israels".

Martin Israels