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Mr. Dave Walls
Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833

RE: PROPOSED EMERGENCY BUILDING STANDARDS

Dear Mr. Walls:

This is to provide you with comments regarding the proposed Emergency Building Standards and the Adoption of the new Code that became in effect as of August 8, 2009.

We are particularly impressed that you have swiftly taken action in effort to help the drought situation that we are experiencing in California. We are very appreciative of the fact that these standards will result in further conservation of our groundwater sources and will encourage property owners to take part in this endeavor.

Though, because of the concerns for protection of drinking water supplies, water quality, and due to the potential public health impacts, we believe that certain portion of these standards should be amended to ensure the safety of the usage of graywater for irrigation and/or disposal. We do have specific comments on the proposed Emergency Building Standards. These comments (attached) are submitted for your consideration. In addition, along with our comments I'm also including comments from our sister entity, Department of Public Works for your consideration.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed standards and its adoption. Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments, please contact me at 626-430-5390 or write to pnejadian@ph.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully,

Patrick Nejadian, Chief REHS
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Attachment



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