

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 5**

ADOPTION OF THE 2009 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires that an Initial Statement of Reasons be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following information required by the APA pertains to this particular rulemaking action:

OVERVIEW

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) is mandated to adopt the most recent edition of model code, as amended by the Office, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18928. This proposed rulemaking represents the Office's proposal to adopt the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) published by International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and carry forward existing California amendments of the 2007 California Plumbing Code (CPC). It was also necessary to propose a few editorial and minor technical modifications to the existing requirements for clarification and consistency within the code as identified below:

STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND RATIONALE:

California Chapter 1 and Appendix Chapter 1

"California Chapter 1, General Code Provisions" is being retitled to "Chapter 1, California Administration, Division I". "Appendix Chapter 1, Administration", is being retitled as "Administration, Division II" and is being moved from the back of the code publication to the front and will follow Chapter 1, California Administration, Division I. These changes are intended to provide a more user-friendly format.

Section 210.0 – H- Definition

"Handwashing Fixture" definition is amended to permit manual temperature controls. This is consistent with current healthcare industry practice.

Section 221- S- Definition

"Scrub Sink" definition is amended to permit manual temperature controls. This is consistent with current healthcare industry practice.

Section 402.3.1 Nonwater Urinals

Based on public safety and infection control concerns, OSHPD is proposing to not allow use of nonwater urinals in health facilities until an evaluation and analysis of this product can be performed and OSHPD can be assured that there are no public safety and environmental concerns associated with this product.

Section 406.5 Drinking Fountains

Amendment is being repealed because it is unnecessary.

Section 412.1 Fixture Count

This amendment was inadvertently eliminated during publication of the 2007 California Plumbing Code

Table 4-2 Minimum Plumbing Facilities

Amendments to this table are necessary for coordination and consistency with the California Building Code.

Section 604.1, Exception 1 Materials

This exception is being repealed. OSHPD is adopting model code requirements for use of CPVC piping.

Section 606.2.4.1 Materials

This amendment is being repealed because it is an unnecessary reference to another section in the code.

Section 612.2

This sentence was inadvertently eliminated during publication of the 2007 California Plumbing Code.

Section 612.6

This section is modified to for consistency with the nationally recognized standard, 2006 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities.

Section 613.1

This section was modified to allow *PVDF* (polyvinylidene fluoride) as an additional piping material for dialysis water feedline. This piping material meets the standards established by the ANSI/American Association of Medical Instrumentations (AAMI) RD62, Water treatment equipment for hemodialysis applications.

Section 613.7

This amendment is necessary for clarification and to specify the adoption of the latest and most appropriate standard for water used in dialysis treatment.

Section 701.1.2.1 Materials

This amendment is being repealed because OSHPD is adopting model code requirements for ABS and PVC piping.

Section 705.1.1.1 Joints and Connections

This amendment is being repealed because it is not necessary.

Section 705.2.5 Joints and Connections

This amendment is being repealed because OSHPD is adopting model code requirements for ABS and PVC piping.

Section 903.1.2.1 Materials

This amendment is being repealed because OSHPD is adopting model code requirements for ABS and PVC piping.

Section 1101.3.1 Material Uses

This amendment is being repealed because OSHPD is adopting model code requirements for ABS and PVC piping.

TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND EMPIRICAL STUDY, REPORT, OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS:

There are no documents to identify.

CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternatives exist.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES THE AGENCY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD LESSEN ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS.

No adverse impact on small business.

FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON BUSINESS.

No adverse impact on business.

DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Not applicable.