

PARTICIPATION COMMENTS FOR THE NOTICE DATED OCTOBER 9, 2015
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WRITTEN COMMENT DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 23, 2015 (no later than 5:00 pm)

Date: 10/14/2015 _____

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I/We do not agree with:

The Agency proposed modifications As Submitted on Section No. 325.1.1 revised to 320.1.1

and request that this section or reference provision be recommended:

Approve Disapprove Further Study Approve as Amended

Suggested Revisions to the Text of the Regulations:

~~325.1.1~~ **320.1.1** *The systems shall be designed to provide the temperatures and relative humidity for sensitive areas ~~or~~ and rooms shown in Table ~~325.0.320.0~~ based on the 99.6 percent Heating design conditions and 0.4 percent Cooling, Evaporation, Dehumidification and Enthalpy design conditions described in the most recent version of ASHRAE Handbook-Fundamentals Climatic Design Data . When outdoor humidity and internal moisture sources are not sufficient to meet the requirements of Table ~~325.0-320.0~~, humidification shall be provided by means of the health-care facility air-handling systems. Temperature shall be individually controlled for each operating and delivery room. Burn unit patient rooms that require humidifiers to comply with Table ~~325.0-320.0~~ shall be provided with individual humidity control. All humidifiers shall use dry steam. Humidifiers shall be located within air handling systems or ductwork to avoid moisture accumulation in downstream components , including filters and insulation.*

Reason: [The reason should be concise if the request is for “Disapprove,” “Further Study Required,” or “Approve As Amended” and identify at least one of the 9-point criteria (following) of Health and Safety Code §18930.]

The proposed text of the regulation is ambiguous or vague contrary to criteria point 6 of 9. The current text includes criteria for sensitive areas temperature conditions listed in referred table. However, contrary to criteria point 7 of 9 the current text does not include a reference to a published standard-of-care criteria, such as ASHRAE, for the owner, the design engineer, the contractor, the enforcing agency and the commissioning team at what Climatic Design Conditions the HVAC system should be designed, constructed, commissioned and be expected to maintain the room conditions tabulated in the referred table.

Note that Sections 325.1.2 revised to 320.1.2 and 325.1.3 revised to 320.1.3 about non-sensitive rooms do refer to Climatic Design Conditions. It is more important for the public that the regulation establish the Climatic Design Conditions the HVAC system should be designed, constructed, commissioned and be expected to maintain the room conditions for sensitive areas than for non-sensitive areas. Therefore, since the regulation establishes the Climatic Design Conditions for non-sensitive areas it definitely should include the Climatic Design Conditions for sensitive areas.

The suggested revisions clarifies the requirements for the owner, design engineer, contractor, commissioning team and the enforcing agency.

The suggested revisions actually could avoid potential owner/design/construction/enforcing agency disputes and associated costly meetings, costly change orders, costly construction delay and litigation cost.

HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 18930

SECTION 18930. APPROVAL OR ADOPTION OF BUILDING STANDARDS; ANALYSIS AND CRITERIA; REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS; FACTUAL DETERMINATIONS

- (a) Any building standard adopted or proposed by state agencies shall be submitted to, and approved or adopted by, the California Building Standards Commission prior to codification. Prior to submission to the commission, building standards shall be adopted in compliance with the procedures specified in Article 5 (commencing with Section 11346) of Chapter 3.5 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. Building standards adopted by state agencies and submitted to the commission for approval shall be accompanied by an analysis written by the adopting agency or state agency that proposes the building standards which shall, to the satisfaction of the commission, justify the approval thereof in terms of the following criteria:
- (1) The proposed building standards do not conflict with, overlap, or duplicate other building standards.
 - (2) The proposed building standard is within the parameters established by enabling legislation and is not expressly within the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency.
 - (3) The public interest requires the adoption of the building standards.
 - (4) The proposed building standard is not unreasonable, arbitrary, unfair, or capricious, in whole or in part.
 - (5) The cost to the public is reasonable, based on the overall benefit to be derived from the building standards.
 - (6) The proposed building standard is not unnecessarily ambiguous or vague, in whole or in part.
 - (7) The applicable national specifications, published standards, and model codes have been incorporated therein as provided in this part, where appropriate.
 - (A) If a national specification, published standard, or model code does not adequately address the goals of the state agency, a statement defining the inadequacy shall accompany the proposed building standard when submitted to the commission.
 - (B) If there is no national specification, published standard, or model code that is relevant to the proposed building standard, the state agency shall prepare a statement informing the commission and submit that statement with the proposed building standard.
 - (8) The format of the proposed building standards is consistent with that adopted by the commission.
 - (9) The proposed building standard, if it promotes fire and panic safety as determined by the State Fire Marshal, has the written approval of the State Fire Marshal.