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Subject: Comments Regarding HCD Proposed Amendments to CRC Section R315

Shawn,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the proposed HCD modifications to California Residential Code (CRC) Section R315 related to Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms. Specifically, the proposed amendments that propose to allow plug-in type CO alarms under certain exceptions (R315.1.2 Exceptions 3 and 4). Our Building Department can easily envision a situation where CO alarms are moved from job to job following final inspection of reroofing, furnace change-outs, water heater change-outs and similar types of permits. Further, plug-in type CO alarms may frequently be removed from the convenience outlets they connect to by small children or by the building occupants to plug in vacuum cleaners and other portable electrical equipment, appliances or chargers. Finally, if plug-in type detectors are to be allowed under proposed CRC section R315.1.2 exceptions 3 & 4, it doesn't make much sense to me that they shouldn't also be allowed under proposed CRC section R315.1.2 exception 2.

Thank you for your consideration.



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