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TO: LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENTS
STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS
LICENSED CONTRACTORS
DESIGN PROFESSIONALS
INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: Emergency Adoptions regarding Solar Photovoltaic Systems in the
2013 California Building Code and 2013 California Residential Code

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to bring attention to emergency code adoptions now effective in the 2013 California Building Code (Part 2, Title 24, California Code of Regulations) and the 2013 California Residential Code (Part 2.5, Title 24, California Code of Regulations), but not yet available as a Supplement (blue colored paper) for insertion in the applicable parts of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24.

At its April 22, 2014, meeting the California Building Standards Commission (Commission) approved emergency amendments proposed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal relevant to the effective date of the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 1703 standard pertaining to the testing of solar photovoltaic systems. These emergency amendments became effective upon filing with the Secretary of State on April 23, 2014, as required by California Government Code Section 11346.1.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal completed the last of the required rulemaking steps as required by the California Building Standards Law, and the Commission approved the final rulemaking at its July 22, 2014, meeting. The approved final language of these emergency amendments follows:

- 2013 California Building Code (Part 2, Title 24, California Code of Regulations)

1505.9 Photovoltaic panels and modules. *Effective January 1, 2015, Rooftop mounted photovoltaic systems shall be tested, listed and identified with a fire classification in accordance with UL 1703. The fire classification shall comply with Table 1505.1 based on the type of construction of the building.*

- 2013 California Residential Code (Part 2.5, Title 24, California Code of Regulations)

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These emergency provisions will be printed within Supplements being published at this time for issuance on or before January 1, 2015. These Supplements will be printed on blue colored paper for insertion into the code, and will incorporate the changes made to the 2013 California Building Standards Code as approved by the Commission at its July 22, 2014, meeting.

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