

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR  
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS  
OF THE  
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
  
REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2, CHAPTER 12  
  
Hospitals – Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory**

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:

**STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE, PROBLEM, RATIONALE and BENEFITS:**

This rulemaking action represents the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) proposal for the permanent adoption of building standards that were approved as emergency regulations by the California Building Standards Commission on January 23, 2013.

OSHPD was authorized by AB 491 (Chapter 772, Statutes of 2012) to promulgate emergency regulations for cardiac catheterization laboratory service space in a non-hospital building. The regulations are specifically for two general acute care hospitals in California that want to expand cardiac catheterization laboratory services to a non-hospital building which is connected to the hospital building by an enclosed passageway accessible to patients and staff.

**Purpose and rationale**

Sections 1224.28.3 and 1226.2.2 provide minimum requirements for cardiac catheterization laboratory service space that is located in a freestanding non-hospital building. The proposed building standards are consistent with existing requirements for cardiac catheterization laboratory service space and apply to the service space whether it is associated with a surgical department or not.

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

OSHPD did not rely on any formal studies or reports as the basis for the proposed regulations.

**STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE STANDARDS**

These regulations do not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment or prescriptive standards.

**CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES**

There are no reasonable alternatives identified by OSHPD. The proposed regulations implement AB 491 (Chapter 772, Statutes of 2012).

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

No alternatives were identified. The proposed regulations implement AB 491 (Chapter 772, Statutes of 2012).

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

No facts, evidence, documents, testimony or other evidence of any significant adverse economic impact on business were identified. The proposed regulations implement AB 491 (Chapter 772, Statutes of 2012).

**DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

These regulations do not duplicate or conflict with federal regulations.