

October 9, 2009

California Building Standards Commission  
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130  
Sacramento, California 95833

Attn: Dave Walls, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Walls:

I am writing to object to the removal of the restriction of the use of PVC and ABS pipes and fittings in hospitals nursing facilities, and correctional treatment centers.

Toxic fumes from burning PVC and ABS pipe would threaten public safety. Additionally, burning plastic can spread fire quickly. In comparison, cast iron does not burn or create toxic fumes.

Cast iron pipe and fittings are made from recycled scrap iron. Plastic pipe is made from virgin resins and it is not recyclable.

Protecting public safety and the environment should be the overriding concern of the California Building Standards Commission. Please do not remove the restriction of the use of PVC and ABS.

Sincerely,

*Joe Riffle*

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