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PARTICIPATION COMMENTS FOR THE NOTICES DATED APRIL 22, 2011
Written comments are to be sent to the above address.

WRITTEN COMMENT DEADLINE: JUNE 6, 2011

Date: 6/1/2011

From:

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I/We (do)(do not) agree with:

The Agency proposed modifications As Submitted on Section No. A5.504.4.9

and request that this section or reference provision be recommended:

Approved Disapproved Held for Further Study Approved as Amended

Suggested Revisions to the Text of the Regulations: *Further modify the proposed revisions as follows*

A5.504.4.9 Acoustical ceilings and wall panels. Comply with Chapter 8 in Title 24, Part 2, the California Building Code, and with the VOC-emission limits defined in the 2009 CHPS criteria and listed on its High Performance Products Database or comply with CHPS criteria certified under the GREENGUARD Children & Schools program.

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

Applicable options should be given to builders/designers/code officials when trying to show compliance with this code. This addition would be consistent with what has been done in:

5.504.4.6 Resilient flooring systems.

5.714.4.4.6 Resilient flooring systems.

A5.504.4.7 Resilient flooring systems, Tier 1 [DSA-SS] Resilient flooring systems.

A5.504.4.7.1 Resilient flooring systems, Tier 2.

Both CHPS and CDPH have deemed GREENGUARD Children & Schools program as a compliance pathway for the currently defined criteria. Additionally the free online GREENGUARD Product Guide (<http://greenguard.org/en/quickSearch.aspx>) is a valuable resource for builders/designers/code officials when trying to find this type of product as it has 448 individual brands of acoustical ceilings or wall panels listed that would show compliance to the criteria stated.

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.