

DSA Code Amendment development

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| Applicable Code |
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| Applicable Code Section(s):CALGreen Chapter 5Section 5.506.3 |
| Topic:CO2 Monitoring in Public K-12 Schools |

## Current Code Language

None.

## Suggested Text of Proposed Amendment

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3. The monitor shall provide a notification through a visual indicator on the monitor or to the Energy Management Control System when the carbon dioxide levels in the classroom have exceeded 1,100 ppm.
4. The monitor or the Energy Management Control System shall maintain a record of previous data that includes at least the maximum carbon dioxide concentration measured.
5. The monitor shall have the capacity to measure carbon dioxide levels with a range of 400 ppm to 2000 ppm or greater.
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## Rationale

CO2 monitors are needed in classrooms so that teachers can identify indoor air quality concerns related to carbon dioxide levels which compromise student and teacher health. An indoor air quality report issued by UC Davis in 2019, and school reopening concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic have placed an increased focus and urgency to improve classroom indoor air quality. This proposal aims to provide a mechanism to identify and address indoor air quality concerns with the requirement for carbon dioxide monitors in classrooms. The requirement for CO2 monitors applies only to new building construction, and not to alterations and additions.

## DSA Comments

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