

To: DSA Stakeholders
From: The Division of the State Architect
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Subject: Document Updates and Announcements for the Third Quarter of 2023

To keep industry partners informed of new and revised forms and publications available online, as well as recent announcements, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) posts this list to the “News & Events” section of the DSA website each quarter. If you have questions regarding any of the forms, publications, or announcements in this summary, please email dsacommunication@dgs.ca.gov.

NEW AND REVISED FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS JULY

- [IR A-7: Inspector Certification and Approval](#) This publication was revised to clarify requirements relating to the certification and approval of school construction project inspectors (PI). (07/13/23)
- [PR 20-01: Request for Exempting Mortar Sampling and Testing This](#) procedure was revised to clarify the required steps to exempt mortar sampling and testing in accordance with the second exception to the California Building Code (CBC), Section 2105A.3 for projects under DSA jurisdiction. (07/13/23)
- [IR A-28: Fire Alarm System Changes in Existing Buildings](#) This publication was revised to clarify the DSA requirements for the complete or partial change of a fire alarm (F/A) system in an existing building due to obsolescence, catastrophic failure, voluntary upgrading, or as part of an alteration or modernization project. (07/28/23)

AUGUST

- [IR 16-6: Composite Base for HVAC Units:2022 CBC](#) This publication was revised to clarify DSA requirements for acceptance of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units with composite bases used on construction projects under DSA jurisdiction. (08/02/23)
- [IR 23-10: Structural Glued Lumber](#) This publication was revised to clarify the acceptance of structural glued lumber (SGL) for use on construction projects under DSA jurisdiction. (08/02/23)
- [IR 23-8: Manufactured Wood-Chord-Metal-Web Trusses: 2022 CBC](#) This publication was revised to clarify the criteria and process under which DSA will evaluate, accept, and establish inspection requirements for manufactured wood trusses on construction projects under DSA jurisdiction. (08/15/23)
- [IR N-4: Modular Battery Energy Storage Systems: 2022 CBC and CFC](#) This publication was revised to clarify specific code requirements relating to battery energy storage systems (BESS) consisting of prefabricated modular structures not on or inside a building for Structural Safety and Fire and Life Safety reviews. (08/22/23)
- [PR 23-04: Alternate Means for Photovoltaic \(PV\) Panel Requirements: Campus PV Systems](#) This publication was issued to define the process for the submittal and review of K–12 School

and Community College projects for which DSA has authority, requesting alternate means to the California Energy Code (CEC) regulations requiring Photovoltaic (PV) systems for all newly constructed buildings (08/23/23)

- [IR 25-3: Suspended Gypsum Board Ceiling: 2022 CBC](#) This publication was revised to clarify the guidelines for prescriptive suspended gypsum board ceiling systems. (08/25/23)
- [IR 18-2: Segmental Retaining Wall Systems of Precast Concrete Units](#) This publication clarifies design, construction, and quality assurance requirements for segmental retaining wall (SRW) systems used on projects under DSA jurisdiction. (08/29/23)
- [DSA 1-AMM-PV: Request for Alternate Design, Materials & Methods of Construction](#). This form was issued used in conjunction with *DSA Procedure (PR) 23-04: Alternate Means for Photovoltaic Panel Requirements: Campus Photovoltaic (PV) Systems*. (08/25/23)

SEPTEMBER

- [IR 18-1: Controlled Low-Strength Material \(CLSM\): 2022 CBC](#) This Interpretation of Regulations (IR) clarifies design, inspection, and testing requirements for controlled low-strength material (CLSM) used on construction projects under DSA jurisdiction. (09/25/23)
- [IR 11B-11: Bathrooms in Newly Constructed Housing Facilities for Undergraduate Students at a Public School, College, or University](#) This Interpretation of Regulations (IR) provides guidance for projects that are both housing at a place of education for undergraduate students and public housing. (09/28/23)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.