

DSA Code Amendment development

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| Applicable Code |
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| Applicable Code Section(s):  CALGreen Chapter 5  Section 5.504.4.7 |
| Topic:  Pollutant Control – Acoustical Ceiling and Wall Panels |

## Current Code Language

None.

## Suggested Text of Proposed Amendment

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## Rationale

The California Building Standards Commission proposes to move Acoustical Ceilings and Wall Panels Section A5.504.9 and related sub-sections from the voluntary measures in the appendix to the mandatory measures in Chapter 5. The Division of the State Architect proposes to co-adopt these new mandatory measures for K-12 public schools and community colleges.

Adding these amendments will afford greater protection of public health with limited impact on K-12 public schools and community colleges. Most of these products already meet the required limits. Considering the availability of these products in the market, we believe that such requirements will be readily accepted by the current market and many manufacturers. These amendments have been recommended by and have the support of the California Air Resources Board, California Department of Public Health, Underwriters Laboratory, and the United States Green Building Council.

## DSA Comments

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