



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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| Date Issued     | 8/14/09   | Interpretation | 09-033 |
| Topic           | Fire Partitions in a Group I-1  |                |        |
| Code Section(s) | 2007 California Building Code Section 716.5.4   |                |        |
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**We are requesting an interpretation of 2007 California Building Code Section 716.5.4.**

**For new Group I occupancies equipped with automatic fire sprinkler systems throughout:**

**Is it the intent of the 2007 California Building Code Section 716.5.4 Fire Partitions, to disallow the use of IBC Exception 1, which permits the penetration of a fire partition wall, with ducted air transfer openings without fire dampers when the ducted penetration is in accordance with 712?**

Yes.

*SFM is currently developing a modification to resolve this issue in the current rulemaking cycle.*