



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	HVAC Systems		
Code Section(s)	2001 California Mechanical Code 609 Exc. # 1		
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In applying Section 609, exception #1 of the California Mechanical Code, would the requirement for 'Total Coverage' be as defined in the 99 NFPA 72 2-1.4.2? Or would the verbiage in the SFM Code Interpretation #02-024 '...when smoke detectors are located in all areas served by the HVAC system' allow coverage less than as defined in the NFPA 72 'Total Coverage'?

In applying Section 609, Exception #1 of the 2001 California Mechanical Code, the term "total coverage" should be as defined in Section 2-1.4.2.1 of NFPA #72, 1999 Edition.