



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

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Topic	Group B vs. Group L Occupancy		
Code Section(s)	2007 CBC Section 304.1, 443.1		
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**In the 2007 CBC, it appears that there are 2 options for classifying the use of a laboratory with exempt amounts of hazardous materials. Section 304.1 lists “Laboratories: testing and research”, and Section 443.1 lists “Group L Laboratories”.**

**If the laboratory use has exempt amounts of hazardous materials per tables 307.1(1) and 307.1(2), which classification applies?**

Laboratories having quantities of materials not in excess of those listed in Tables 307.1(1) and 307.1(2) may be constructed as Group B. For Group L occupancies use Tables 443.1(1) and 443.1(2).