



State Fire Marshal Monthly Report to the California Fire Prevention Officers



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Fire and Life Safety Solar Power Guideline

The "Final Draft Solar Photovoltaic Installation Guideline" is now posted on our website <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov> This is only a guideline for the installation of solar systems on residential and commercial buildings. The guidelines are not regulations promulgated by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. In order for a jurisdiction to use this guideline as installation requirements, it will be necessary to follow the ordinance adoption process. If you have any questions concerning this final draft guideline, please



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CSULA Good to Go



The SFM has awarded the Certificate of Occupancy to the CSU Los Angeles University Student Union. Located on State University Drive in Los Angeles, the 93,000+ sq. ft. Student Union is a Type II FR – 3 story building with a partial basement. The \$31 million project began in July 2005.

Engineering, Law Enforcement and Fire Prevention

Help on the Web

Following are some useful links to the State Fire Marshal listings:

Our main web site:

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>

To look up SFM licensing, listings and certifications, please click on the RED TAB "Licensing/Listings" (almost to the top of the page):

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/strucfireengineer.php>

For SFM Listings, please go to the Building Materials Listing Program :

http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/strucfireengineer_bml.php

"BML LISTINGS" page:

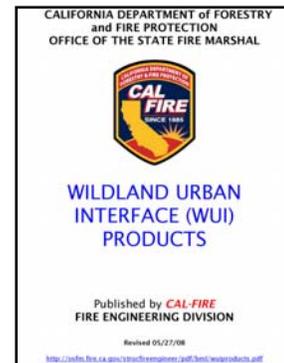
http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licensinglistings_bml.php

To search " BML Database":

http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licensinglisting_bml_searchco.php

To download a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Handbook:

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/pdf/bml/wuiproducts.pdf>



Fireworks Program:

http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/strucfireengineer_fireworks.php

Safe and Sane Fireworks Book (the 2008 version will be posted soon):

<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/pdf/fireworks/safesanebook2007.pdf>

Code Development

Code Development and Analysis Division current activities:

- On May 21, 2008, the California Building Standards Commission approved the OSFM emergency regulations for Group I-2 occupancies (hospitals) having occupied floors more than 75 feet above fire department access. For more information, visit the CBSC http://www.bsc.ca.gov/prpsd_chngs/pc_emrrm.htm.
 - On May 21, 2008, the California Building Standards Commission certified compliance with the regular rulemaking process and adopted permanent approval of the OSFM emergency regulations amending effective date for CBC Chapter 7A in Cities and “local agencies” (CBC §702A) with designated “local agency” Very-High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VH-FHSZ). The revised effective date of July 1, 2008 delays for six months application of CBC Ch7A, within cities and “local agencies.” The effective date of January 1, 2008 for new buildings in State responsibility Area (SAR) Fire Hazard Severity Zones (all zones: Moderate, High, & Very-High) has not changed. For more information, visit the CBSC http://www.bsc.ca.gov/prpsd_chngs/pc_emrrm.htm.
 - Code Development and Analysis is in the beginning of the preliminary rulemaking stages for the promulgation/adoption of the 2008 National Electrical Code. Tentative stakeholder work group scheduled for late July 2008.
 - Ongoing coordination with the Department of Housing and Community Development in their review of the ICC International Residential Code for consideration of future adoption and any necessary SFM amendments (e.g. Residential Care Facilities, Wildland-Urban Fire Interface, roofing, NFPA 72, emergency escape and rescue openings).
 - Continuing progress on the California Fire Code with Title 19 provisions incorporated/reprinted therein with Cal Chiefs Fire Prevention Officers Association committee.
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