



## California State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin

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### **CONTINUED USE OF EXISTING CONTROL AREAS FOR LABORATORIES, VOCATIONAL SHOPS AND SIMILAR AREAS CONTAINING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

The purpose of this information bulletin is to provide clarification regarding the continued use of existing control areas for laboratories, vocational shops and similar areas containing hazardous materials in buildings approved prior to January 1, 2008.

**EXISTING CONTROL AREAS.** Control areas approved prior to January 1, 2008 may continue to function and be maintained in accordance with the codes that they were approved under. This includes construction of control areas and quantities of hazardous materials contained within control areas.

The 2007 California Fire Code and Building Code requirements for control areas may be utilized where the entire building construction complies with the 2007 California Fire Code and Building Code.

This Information Bulletin is also being issued to assist local code enforcement agencies and interested parties with code application for modifications to control areas or alternate methods of compliance.

**MODIFICATIONS OR ALTERNATES.** Proposed modifications to existing control areas or alternate methods of construction shall be submitted to the enforcing agency for review and approval on a case-by-case- bases.

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