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SUBJECT: Seismic Mandate Extension Deadlines Approaching

Hospital buildings classified as Structural Performance Category-1 (SPC-1) that received a seismic mandate extension to January 1, 2013, are required to be at least a SPC-2 by 2013.

SPC-2 buildings are required, at a minimum, to be Non-Structural Performance Category-3 Reformed (NPC-3R) by 2013. NPC-3R are minimal non-structural standards that are acceptable for buildings that will not house general acute-care inpatient services after January 1, 2030. Hospital buildings classified as SPC-3, 4 or 5 must be at least NPC-3 by the extension deadline. There are three ways hospital buildings can receive an extension beyond January 1, 2013. Each has prerequisites that must be attained to remain eligible for a particular extension. A summary matrix of key dates for those prerequisites is attached.

All SPC-1 hospital buildings that received an extension to 2013 are also required to submit reports to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) by June 30, 2009, and June 30, 2011 (see attachment under SB 1661 below).

The following options for an additional extension are available to hospitals under prescribed conditions:

- **Hazards U.S. (HAZUS)** — HAZUS is a voluntary program to re-evaluate the seismic risk of hospital buildings classified as SPC-1. By using this state-of-the-art methodology, approximately 50 percent of SPC-1 buildings are expected to be reclassified as SPC-2, and will be allowed to continue in operation as general acute-care inpatient facilities until January 1, 2030. At a minimum, NPC-3R standards must be met by January 1, 2013. The next key deadline for HAZUS is July 1, 2009, which is the last date to submit required information to OSHPD for a HAZUS evaluation. For more information on HAZUS, visit the OSHPD website at www.oshpd.ca.gov/FDD/Regulations/Triennial_Code_Adoption_Cycle/HAZUS.html.
- **SB 1661** — Under SB 1661 (Chapter 679, Statutes of 2006), a hospital with at least one SPC-1 building that received an extension to 2013 can receive an additional two-year extension to 2015 under prescribed conditions. To be eligible for SB 1661, design plans for the SPC-1 replacement/retrofit must be deemed ready by OSHPD for review by January 1, 2009. Attached is a July 8, 2008, CHA memorandum, which includes a June 17, 2008, OSHPD memorandum on SB 1661 and copy of SB 1661.
- **SB 306** — SB 306 (Chapter 642, Statutes of 2007) enables all county hospitals and a few other hospitals with SPC-1 buildings that are in poor financial condition to receive an extension to 2020 if 2030 seismic mandate requirements are met by 2020. To qualify for an SB 306 extension, financial information must be submitted by January 1, 2009, to

OSHPD along with a declaration that states SB 306 conditions are met by the applicant.
A copy of SB 306 is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 552-7570 or richter@calhospital.org.

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Attachments