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TO: CHA Members

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SUBJECT: Report to OSHPD on Status of SPC-1 Buildings — Must Be Accurate
Deadline to Submit Status Report and HAZUS Reports: June 30, 2009

SB 1661 Reports

SB 1661 (Chapter 679, Statutes of 2006) requires all hospital owners that have a Structural Performance Category (SPC)-1 building(s) and received an extension beyond 2008 to meet seismic mandate requirements submit a report to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) by June 30, 2009. OSHPD has assigned structural engineering consultants to assist hospitals in preparing the reports. Each hospital has also identified a hospital contact to serve as the liaison to the OSHPD consultants. In the next few days, OSHPD will submit a form to all hospital CEOs asking them to verify the data provided and to sign, under penalty of perjury, that the data submitted is correct.

Due to the nation's economic crisis, over the past few months there have been number of hospital owners that planned to meet their seismic-mandate requirements by 2013 or 2015, but now find they cannot do so.

It is important that each hospital's building seismic report reflects what is true and accurate based on today's economy. If for any reason your hospital cannot meet its originally projected deadlines, please state so in the report. CHA suggests that hospitals completing the report incorporate their responses into one of the appropriate categories that follow:

- The building(s) will be completed by 2013 as projected.
- The building(s) will be not completed by 2013 as projected.
- The building(s) may be completed on schedule, provided there are no unforeseen obstacles, if the economy improves. Under this scenario, the building(s) remains eligible for an extension to 2015. If hospitals choose this response, CHA recommends that hospitals explain in the comment section of the signed report that this scenario is dependent upon the economy improving or other identified obstacles being removed. Because hospitals, under current law, have to receive a building permit by January 1, 2011, to remain eligible for an extension to 2015, please be sure you can proceed if the economy improves by this date.

For a copy of SB 1661, please visit the OSHPD website at www.oshpd.ca.gov/fdd/SB1661/sb1661.pdf. If you have any questions on the SB 1661 reports, call Brett Beekman with OSHPD at (916) 440-8411.

HAZUS

OSHPD staff believe that a number of hospitals with SPC-1 buildings that could benefit from HAZUS have not filed HAZUS reports, which are also due June 30. OSHPD will accept all good-faith submittals as meeting the June 30 deadline.

By meeting the June 30 HAZUS submittal deadline, hospitals will be eligible to use an alternative means methodology to retrofit buildings under HAZUS review, which may enable the hospital to attain a HAZUS level that will allow an extension to 2030.

If you have not filed a HAZUS report and intend to do so, please call Chris Tokas at (916) 440-8464, Patrick Rodgers at (916) 440-8467 or Roy Lobo at (916) 440-8471 with OSHPD as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Richter, CHA senior vice president, professional services, at (916) 552-7570 or rrichter@calhospital.org.

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