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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Regarding

### Office of Statewide Health and Planning Department Requirements (OSHPD 3)

- 1. How do I know if my building, building space or unit, under construction as a clinic, will require plan review and inspection for OSHPD 3 Requirements?**

*A 'clinic' is one that is licensed by the California Department of Health Services. Generally a doctor's, or dentist's office operates under the doctor's license and is not a clinic, under OSHPD 3 requirements. For example, a dialysis facility is usually licensed. A surgical facility (laser eye surgery, dental surgery, etc.) may be a licensed clinic. Licensure is regulated by the State of California, Department of Health Services.*

- 2. Isn't OSHPD supposed to provide plan review and provide inspections for clinics?**

*The building Official's responsibility for clinics was clarified with the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 1419 in 1996. The subsequent language in the 1995 California Code of Regulations was effective on January, 1, 1997.*

- 3. What does certification mean and when does a jurisdiction provide certification? (A notice letter or a signed form.)**

*The building official is required under SB 1419 to provide certification that a clinic facility, which is to be licensed, meets the requirements of the California Code provisions as they relate to OSHPD 3 requirements. This certification is used by the Applicant to receive a license for a clinic. The department of Health Services has specific forms or the Jurisdiction may prepare its own form (on letterhead).*

- 4. Will the plan review and inspection of OSHPD 3 requirements impact the plan review and inspection?**

*Plans will be checked and inspections will be conducted under a jurisdiction's plan review, and inspection process. However, additional requirements, as required by OSHPD 3, will be reviewed.*

**5. Are OSHPD 3 requirements more restrictive than other Building Code requirements?**

*Some provisions may be more restrictive.*

**6. If I have additional questions who should I contact?**

*Your local Building Department or the Office of Statewide Health and Planning Department, or your local department of health services. Many jurisdictions keep a list of current telephone numbers for these two agencies.*