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RE: Energy Efficiency and HVAC Building Permits

Dear C-20 Contractor:

As a participant in the Performance Alliance, the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) is committed to reducing energy used by warm-air heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems.

Please be advised that CSLB is accelerating its enforcement plan to ensure that new, enhanced compliance requirements are being met for the California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 6, Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings. Amendments to Title 24, Part 6 became effective January 1, 2010, and require enhanced duct sealing, proper refrigerant charge, airflow, and fan watt draw.

As you know, building permits are necessary to ensure that HVAC construction is performed according to state and local codes and safety standards. Failure to obtain a permit is a violation of law and exposes the homeowner to additional costs and liability. Also, the California Mechanical Code (CMC) requires a building permit for HVAC installations and modifications including, but not limited to, the following:

- **New HVAC installation;**
- **HVAC changeout/remodel/replacement including the air handler, coil, furnace or condenser;**
- **Relocation of an existing HVAC unit;**
- **Removal of an HVAC unit or system; or**
- **Adding ducting.**

If a contractor fails to obtain a permit and performs contracting work on a project requiring a permit, the contractor is in violation of the law and will be disciplined by the CSLB, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 7110 and 7090. Disciplinary action may include assessment of civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per citation and/or suspension or revocation of the license.

At the direction of its Board, CSLB issued an Industry Bulletin (enclosed) on November 30, 2009, to alert the industry that CSLB would accelerate building permit enforcement efforts beginning in January 2010. (You can sign up to automatically receive news and bulletins on the CSLB website: www.cslb.ca.gov. Look for "Sign Up to Receive E-Mail Alerts.") This is an additional effort to remind you about CSLB enforcement as it relates to Title 24.

For additional information or training opportunities, please refer to the following organizations:

- **The Institute of Heating & Air Conditioning Industries, Inc. (IHACI)**
454 W. Broadway
Glendale, CA 91204
1-818-551-1555
www.ihaci.org

- **The California Energy Commission**
Energy Standards Hotline
(916) 654-5106 or (800) 772-3300
www.energy.ca.gov/title24/training
email address: Title24@energy.state.ca.us

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact CSLB Enforcement Representative Alan DalPorto at (916) 255-4001.



Industry Bulletin

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Contractors State License Board Alerts Contractors to Renewed Enforcement of Building Permits in January 2010

State and local agencies ready to take action against those who fail to pull permits

SACRAMENTO – Accelerated building permit enforcement efforts will begin in January 2010, following the Contractors State License Board's (CSLB) unanimous vote to make this a higher priority. Building permits are a critical element to any construction project, helping to ensure that construction is performed according to established state and local code, and safety standards. Sections 7090 and 7110 of the California Business and Professions Code mandate that CSLB help regulate these laws and safety standards, and discipline violators.

Permit violations are not only a health and safety issue for the property owner, but can also become a financial liability if someone is injured. When a contractor performs work that requires a permit and doesn't have one, a local building department can issue a "Stop Work" notice and assess fines against the property owner. Contractors who violate the permit process may be held responsible for any fine issued to the property owner by the building department, as well as the cost of complying with the code requirements.

Contractors who break these laws are subject to disciplinary action by CSLB. The contractor may be subject to civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per citation and/or suspension or revocation of their license. The contractor's complaint history and seriousness of the violation are factors considered when determining the appropriate level of discipline.

CSLB has partnered with the California Building Officials (CALBO) to effectively work with local building departments, help identify suspected offenders, and perform proactive investigations of violations. CSLB also has begun more stringent enforcement of permit requirements when performing regular investigation of consumer complaints. Permit complaints can be filed by consumers, contractors, or building department staff.

CSLB will continue to educate consumers and contractors during the mediation phase of the more than 20,000 complaints received each year, and during community outreach events. By stringently enforcing permit requirements, CSLB is complying with its mandate of public protection while preserving the integrity of California's construction industry.

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