



CITY OF ONTARIO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Floyd Clark, Deputy Fire

Marshal

FROM: Kevin Shear, Building Official 4

DATE: October 11, 2000

SUBJECT: Curtain Boards (*Revised*)

The requirements for curtain boards in the 1998 California Building Codes differ from the requirements in the 1998 California Fire Code. The Fire Department agrees when buildings are equipped with early suppression-fast response (ESFR) sprinklers, the curtain boards need to be located only at the separation between ESFR and conventional sprinkler systems per the 1998 California Fire Code. After reviewing test reports and the 2000 Fire Code, the Fire Department agrees when fire sprinkler systems are installed, the curtainboards shall not be required.

In the past, an exception would be granted if a designer submitted a letter requesting the exception. At this time, plan check staff will allow the elimination of curtain boards in buildings with a sprinkler system without a memo from the Fire Department on each project.

KS:gdh