



County of Sonoma
FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FIRE SERVICES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



MARK ASTON, DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF

Informational Bulletin

Date Issued:	January 10, 2009	Bulletin No:	2009-03N
Topic:	Mitigations and Alternate Methods and Materials Expiration Dates		
Code Reference	County Code (CC), Chapter 13		
For Use By:	Permit Applicants and Staff		

NOTE: This bulletin is a summary of Fire Services Interpretations of County and State Codes. Information contained herein applies to typical instances and may not address all circumstances.

INFORMATION BULLETIN- Mitigations and Alternate Methods and Materials Expiration Dates

Mitigations and Alternate Methods and Materials will be requested by the permit applicant or authorized representative in accordance with the Sonoma County Fire Safe Standards and the California Building and Fire Code.

This bulletin will serve as notification to the requester and PRMD staff that mitigation unless directed by the Sonoma County Fire Marshal or Authorized Representative will expire one year after approval.

This bulletin will serve as notification to the requester and PRMD staff that Alternate Methods and Materials requests unless directed by the Sonoma County Fire Marshal or Authorized Representative will expire one year after approval.

Purpose:

After extensive review by Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services and Permits and Resource Management Department, the following will be enforced after the date listed in this bulletin. Many issues have arisen from mitigations, that have been approved and no action has been taken many years after the initial approval. As an example, mitigations were approved under a previous code adoption cycle and may not longer meet the intent of the new adopted code or; the newly adopted code will not allow such a mitigation to be approved at the time of permit application.

The Sonoma County Fire Marshal and Authorized representatives have the authority to extend the date of the original mitigation on a case by case situation.

All mitigations written before the date of this bulletin will be exempt from this requirement unless it will pose a significant hazard as proven by the Sonoma County Fire Marshal and Authorized representatives.