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Categorical Waivers now Available for Power Strips in Patient Care Areas

OCTOBER 1, 2014 [ROGER RICHTER](#) [David Perrott, MD, DDS](#)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has [announced](#) that it will permit categorical waivers for hospital power strip requirements under certain circumstances (the issue of power strips in patient care areas was detailed earlier this year in [CHA News](#)). CMS has determined that power strip provisions for health facilities in the National Fire Protection Association 101 Life Safety Code (LSC) may create unreasonable hardship for providers or suppliers. The CMS announcement notes that the 2012 edition of the LSC also offers an adequate alternative level of protection. The categorical waivers will be allowed for the use of power strips in existing and new health facility patient care areas if the provider/supplier complies with all applicable 2012 LSC power strip requirements, and with all other 2000 LSC electrical system and equipment provisions. To use the waiver, hospitals must supply written documentation that they have chosen to do so and notify the LSC survey team during its entrance conference. The policy change is effective immediately. For more information, visit the American Society for Healthcare Engineering [website](#).

CDC Issues Guidance on Ebola-Related Sewage

NOVEMBER 25, 2014 [Roger Richter](#)

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recently issued two documents related to the Ebola virus in waste:

- Information on the [Survivability of the Ebola Virus in Medical Waste](#). This link was also sent to hospitals yesterday via CAHAN.
- [Interim Guidance for Managers and Workers Handling Untreated Sewage from Individuals with Ebola in the United States](#). This guidance emphasizes the risk considerations that must be taken into account for those conducting plumbing activities in hospitals currently treating an Ebola patient. The guidance also notes that the World Health Organization has determined that, to date, Ebola cannot be transmitted via exposure to sewage.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Medical Waste Management Program staff have informed CHA that CDPH currently does not have a position on sewage waste. However, CDPH plans to develop a position once the federal Environmental Protection Agency develops its guidance regarding Ebola in sewage.



Robert Mack Scholarship Applications

Patrick Silvestri

CSHE Immediate Past President
Robert Mack Trustee

It's time again to submit all applications for the Robert Mack Scholarship Foundation (RMSF) Scholarships! As we have advised all CSHE members in the past; the RMSF has scholarship money to award to worthy candidates.

The scholarships are available to anyone who is pursuing a career in the healthcare engineering field. Last year for example, the biggest scholarship was awarded to a Chief Engineer currently working at a hospital in Northern California. We are asking all chapters and members to submit their applications no later than the deadline of February 15, 2015.

For additional information and instructions on the application process, go to the Robert Mack website at: robertmacksf.org. Or to the CSHE website at www.cshe.org, click on 'Resources' then Robert Mack Scholarship link.

**Don't miss out on submitting an application that could help you offset
the cost of furthering your education/career!!**



Robert Mack Memorial

Marty Schoonderwoerd, CHFM, FASHE
Chair, Robert Mack Scholarship Foundation

Robert Mack, one of CSHE's pioneers, passed away peacefully in November. Bob was a wonderful man who dedicated considerable personal effort over many years promoting healthcare engineering as a profession. Bob was not just a great leader of many; he was a mentor to so many more.

Bob was one of the original 12 pioneers in healthcare engineering who meet monthly in the San Francisco bay area and were interested in forming a professional organization. Bob heard that there was also a group of engineers in Los Angeles that had the same desires as the group in San Francisco. Bob went to LA and meet with that group and together they formed CSHE with two chapters, LA and SF.

Not only did Bob Mack serve as CSHE's first state president, Bob also served as president of ASHE. Bob and several other CSHE pioneers established a scholarship foundation dedicated to providing scholarships to deserving students, including healthcare engineers.

Bob's wife Dorothy has requested that donations in Bob's memory be made to the Robert Mack Scholarship Foundation. For further information email: info@robertmacksf.org.

In Memory



CSHE Welcomes 27 New Members

CENTRAL COASTAL

Pierson, Audrey - Red Wave Comm, Inc.

CENTRAL VALLEY

Luttrell, Paul - Kaiser Permanente

KINGS RIVER

Escola, Darrell - Signature Life-Safety Services, Inc.

Silver, Jay - Red Wave Comm, Inc.

LOS ANGELES

Flanders, Mark - Coustic-Glo

Martinez, Eddie - Edmars Entrance Solutions, Inc.

Ondrus, Jim - Shaw Industries

Portillo, Shawn - BEDTECH

NORTHEASTERN

Aldrich, Clifford - Mercy Medical Center Mt. Shasta

Childers, James - EMCOR

Permar, Gayle - Architect

Yuen, Kevin - Frank M. Booth

ORANGE

Brothman, Joseph - Western Medical Center

De Forrest, Steve - Children's Hospital of Orange County

Schattan, Wendy - Waco Filters

Sweiss, Joyce - Tri-Signal Integration, Inc.

REDWOOD

White, Paul - Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital

SAN DIEGO

Bourne, Angela - West Coast Containment

McConnell, Gary - Palomar Medical Center

Murphy, Tony - Aqua Clear Water Treatment Specialists

SAN FRANCISCO

Bohan, Tim - St. Francis Memorial Hospital

Cantor, Mark - Marin General Hospital

Clement, Troy - St. Francis Memorial Hospital

Murphy, Joseph - Siemens Building Technologies, Inc.

Novak, Elizabeth - Advanced Engineering Sales, Inc.

Salazar, Carlos - Commercial Energy of California

SOUTH BAY COUNTIES: Zarzycki, Mike - Highland Hospital



EARN THE ESSENTIAL CREDENTIAL



COURSES BEGIN THIS SPRING

Building Operator Certification (BOC®) is a national workforce training and credential program offering job skills in energy efficient building operation and maintenance practices. Students will learn to identify and implement energy savings opportunities. Course series will be held in the following California cities beginning as shown below. To learn more about BOC, visit www.theBOC.info and register for a free webcast on **Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 8:30am (PST)** or view a pre-recorded version online any time.

BOC LEVEL I



LOCATION & START DATE

San Rafael	3/5/15
San Mateo	3/11/15
Woodland Hills	3/25/15
Temecula	4/14/15
San Jose	4/21/15
San Diego	Fall
Santa Barbara	Fall

BOC LEVEL II



LOCATION & START DATE

San Diego	3/31/15
San Francisco	Fall
Downey	Fall

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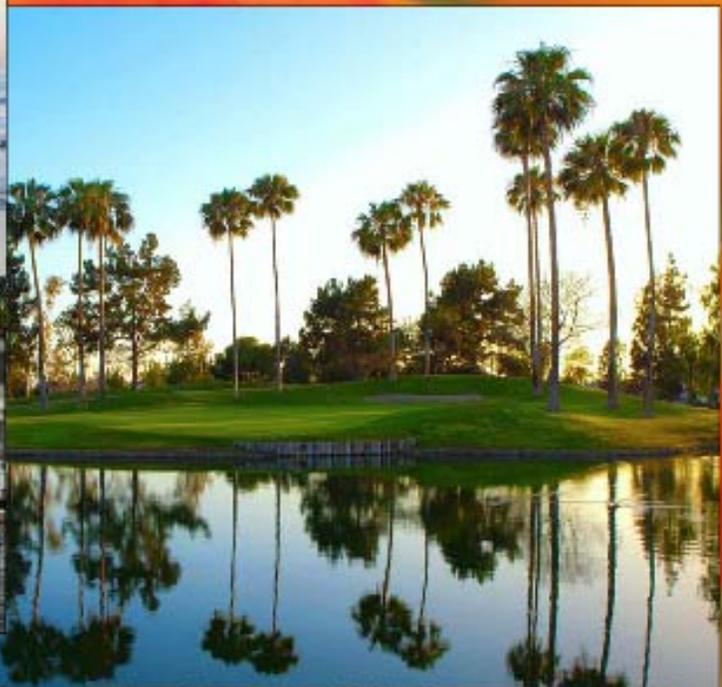


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