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Questions of the month:

Q. Are Joint Venture projects excluded from Consent Decree requirements for Accessibility Plan Review (APR)?

R. They are not. Joint ventures were excluded from Consent Decree requirements for surveying and barrier removal only. However, new construction or renovation joint venture projects where we will serve Sutter patients and the public, and that require a building permit are required to participate in the Accessibility Plan Review.

Q. What code cycle is followed when performing post-construction monitoring?

R. Monitoring will be performed per the code under which the project was permitted. There are currently ongoing projects with 2014 completion dates that were permitted under the 2001 code. Monitoring will be performed per the 2001 CBC and 1991 ADA. Similarly, projects submitted and permitted under 2010 CBC will be monitored under 2010 CBC and 2010 ADA regardless of construction completion date.

Announcements:

The US Access Board will be holding two webinars this month: Accessible Playground Surfaces on November 7th and ABA Standards for Trails, Picnic & Camping Facilities and Beach Front Access on November 8th. If interested in any of these topics, register at: <http://www.accessibilityonline.org/Schedule/>

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

If you are searching for an accessible 'lab specimen pass through', we have just the product! A new custom prototype was recently developed for Sutter Health!

While performing accessibility plan reviews on several projects it was concluded that none of the specimen pass through products met accessibility requirements. Clinical and project management staff at SMF along with Strategic Sourcing joined together in an effort to find a product that would work. After several calls to many manufacturers, Strategic Sourcing found one who was willing to create a new compliant product for us.

The prototype specifications have been reviewed and approved by the Sutter Health accessibility architect. The operating and control mechanisms comply with 2010 CBC 1117B.6.4 and do not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist to operate. The force required to activate controls is no greater than 5 pounds force.

The manufacturer is CARR Corporation. The SPT12 design is available in 3 different sizes depending upon wall thickness; 6", 10" or 16". Information will be posted as a Sutter Health ADA approved product in the Attainia Database for reference. Product is available through Sutter Health's contracted lab distributor, Fischer Scientific and is a contracted item.

Remember, the product still requires further review during plan review to verify that the installation location is within required reach ranges and does not obstruct usability of adjacent accessible elements.

Going forward, we will continue to identify products that meet accessibility requirements and upon review will send out notifications and post to the Attainia Database. We encourage everyone to continue to assist us in this process and help us create a list of pre-approved products.

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Here are some of the characteristics for operation (for further information request operations manual and cut sheet)

- Push button pressure required for operation: 2 oz.
- Door latch pressure required for operation: 7 oz.
- Door open / close pressure required for operation: 3 oz.
- No door spring for ease of operation
- Adjustable flange is 13 1/2" wide, 13 1/2" high, 7", 11" or 17" deep depending on the model.