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**State of Oregon**

**Board memo**

**Building Codes Division**

**September 10, 2008**

**To:** Mechanical Board

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**Subject:** Division action on proposed code amendments

At its previous meeting on June 4, 2008, the Mechanical Board recommended that the Building Codes Division amend the **2007 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code** by adopting two proposed interim code amendments. After reviewing the board's recommendations, the division decided that it would not adopt the proposed interim amendments. The division informed board, as well as the proponents of the proposed interim amendments, of its decision as required by ORS 455.030.

The first interim code amendment recommended by the board would have amended Section 510 of the mechanical code to include a subsection that clarified a preexisting requirement that motors and fans used in hazardous exhaust duct systems comply with interlock requirements for dust collection. Because this requirement was already a part of the mechanical code, the division concluded that the requested clarification would be better accomplished through a statewide code interpretation of Section 510 than an interim code amendment. A code interpretation addressing this issue was published on June 15, 2008 and is available online at the division's Web site: [http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/bcd/programs/mechanical/interps/20080623\\_mech\\_interp.pdf](http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/bcd/programs/mechanical/interps/20080623_mech_interp.pdf)

Also recommended by the board was a proposed interim code amendment that would have amended the mechanical code by adding a new optional section on grease duct testing to the mechanical code. The division determined that the proposed amendment would extend the state's regulation of Type I Commercial Kitchen Hoods beyond that which was previously approved during the Mechanical Specialty Code adoption process.