



DSA BULLETIN #09-10

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**To: Design Professionals
School Districts
Pre-Check (PC) Manufacturers
Plumbing Contractors and Fixture Manufacturers
Division of the State Architect Regional Offices
Interested Parties**

**From: Division of the State Architect
Department of General Services
State of California**

SUBJECT: Installation of “Lead Free” Plumbing Fixtures, Fittings and Pipes

Purpose: To notify design professional about the effective date for Assembly Bill 1953, Statutes of 2006, Chapter 853 regarding installation of “lead free” plumbing fixtures, fittings and pipes.

Background: The California State Health and Safety Code, Section 116875, effective January 1, 2010, states in part and requires that, no person shall use any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting or fixture, or solder or flux that is not lead free in the installation or repair of any public water system or any plumbing in a facility providing for human consumption except when necessary for the repair of leaded joint of cast iron pipe. Plumbing fixtures, fittings and pipes that are installed where the water is not intended for human consumption through drinking or cooking are not subject to the requirements of this law.

1 **DSA POLICY:** Effective January 1, 2010, the State of California Lead Free Plumbing Law, Health and Safety Code becomes operative. All California public schools and community college projects under DSA jurisdiction, submitted after this date, must be designed in compliance with this law.

2 **EFFECTIVE DATES:**

2.1 New Project Submittals and New PC Designs: Plans and specifications for school construction projects submitted to the DSA on or after January 1, 2010, must conform to this law.

2.2 Existing Projects and Existing PC Designs Not Yet Constructed or Under Construction: Unexpired plans and specifications accepted by DSA previous to the effective date of this law are not required to meet the requirements of this law. The installation of plumbing fixtures, fittings and pipes for these projects also need not meet the requirements of this law

2.3 Repairs to Existing School Buildings: Repairs to existing buildings following January 1, 2010 that are not part of a project as listed in Section 2.2 above are required to meet the requirements of this law.
