

OFFICE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, REGION X
CODES & STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FORMAL INTERPRETATION

REFERENCE: Suburban letter, dated June 21, 1994, and Catalog cut sheets

ISSUE: Are Suburban Dynaline package terminal air conditioners with gas heat acceptable for installation in nursing homes?

LOCATION: None

DISCUSSION: These comments are made in the context of our role as the Authority Having Jurisdiction for nursing facilities receiving Medicare/ Medicaid funds within HCFA Regions X and VIII.

As a general rule, it is not our policy to approve specific equipment for general application. Appropriateness of any product for a specific use can only be considered on a per project basis.

As a minimum, heating equipment such as yours, must meet the requirements of NFPA 101 and all the requirements of the applicable references therein. Your product appears to meet these requirements.

In addition, where state or local jurisdiction requires, the 1992-1993 Guidelines for Construction and Equipment of Hospitals and Medical Facilities (AIA Guidelines) must also be met to the extent required by those authorities. Your product does not appear to meet paragraph 8.11.D1.g.

The filtration standard of the above referenced paragraph in the AIA Guidelines is understood by some to be too stringent for products currently on the market. This is an issue that is currently under consideration by the AIA Guidelines Revision Task Force which is in the process of updating the AIA Guidelines.

INTERPRETATION: None

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