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## **DEB Notice 041812**

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### **Carbon Monoxide Alarms in State-Owned Buildings**

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It has come to the State Building Official's attention that compliance with Virginia Construction Code, Section 908.7, *Emergency Alarm Systems - Carbon Monoxide Alarms* may be problematic for certain residential and institutional structures where carbon monoxide exposure risks are limited to portions of the structure that include centralized fossil fuel burning equipment, but that are outside of residential dwelling units. In these specific structures, alternate proposals to compliance with Section 908.7 will be considered upon application by the building owner in accord with Virginia Construction Code, Section 106.3, *Powers and Duties of the Building Official – Issuance of Modification*.

The recommended technical basis for requesting a modification is the 2012 International Building Code Section 908.7, *Carbon Monoxide Alarms*.

Contact Steve Matsko (804-371-7548) or Les Harcum (804-786-4541) if you need assistance in complying with this notice.