Pursuant to Administrative Code Section 27-131, the following equipment or material has been found acceptable for use in accordance with the Report of the Material and Equipment Acceptance (MEA) Division.

Rudolph J. Rinaldi, R.A., Commissioner

MEA 223-93-M
Report of Material and Equipment Acceptance Division
Manufacturer - James Hardie Building Products, Inc., 10901 Elm Avenue,
Fontana, CA 92337.
Product - Noncombustible material in accordance with Building Code.
Pertinent Code Section - 27-232 (Definition - noncombustible).
Laboratory - Warnock Hersey Inc.
Description - Non-asbestos fiber reinforced cement board materials for
noncombustible acceptance. The following products are manufactured using
the same fiber cement material:

- Hardiplank Lap Siding
- Hardisoffit Sheets
- Hardiflex Panels
- Hardipanel Vertical Siding
- Harditex Baseboard
- Hardibacker Underlayment

The above materials are manufactured in various widths and lengths with
thicknesses of 3/16, 1/4, 5/16, 3/8 and 7/16. The material may be used
where noncombustible material are required by the New York City Building
Code.

Recommendations - That the above described cement board material be accepted as
conforming with noncombustible requirements: A material which, in the
form in which it is used in construction, will not ignite and burn when
subjected to fire. However, any material which liberates flammable gas
when heated to any temperature up to one thousand three hundred eighty
degrees Fahrenheit for five minutes shall not be considered noncombustible.
No material shall be considered noncombustible which is subject to increase in
combustibility beyond the limits established above, through the effects
of age, fabrication or erection techniques, moisture, or other interior
or exterior atmospheric conditions. All shipments and deliveries of such
material shall be accompanied by a label or certificate certifying that
the material shipped or delivered are equivalent to those tested and acceptable
for use, as provided for in Section 27-131 of the Building Code.

Final Acceptance  JUL 30 1993
Examined by [Signature]