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## **BUILDING DIVISION COMMUNITY MEMO**

**DATE:** September 27, 2024  
**TO:** Contractors, Owners & Agents  
**FROM:** Chad A. Ouimet  
**SUBJECT:** Shower Backer Board Material

- ▶ Due to ongoing confusion between the use of DensArmor, DensShield, and PABCO products in shower areas, the building division is issuing this compliance memo.

Glass mat PABCO products must meet standard ASTM C1178  
Fiber-reinforced PABCO products must meet standard ASTM C1278

The technical data currently provided by PABCO Gypsum Products does not meet either of these standards and will not be permitted for use in shower areas per Table R702.4.2 of the 2022 California Residential Code.

**NOTE:** Should evolving products come to market that meet these ASTM standards, please request Building Official approval prior to installation of these products.