



Seismic Evaluations of California Hospitals FACT SHEET

1. **Sutter Medical Center of Santa Rosa is a SPC – 1 rated facility**¹
2. **Total Acute Care Hospitals in California = approx. 458**
3. **Total Acute Care Hospitals in California with SPC -1 rating = 305 (66%)**
4. **Total Hospital *Buildings* with SPC-1 rating = 1080**
4. **Key Deadlines:**
 - **January 1, 2008** – all general acute care hospitals *buildings* must at least meet the SPC-2 requirements so as not to pose a risk of collapsing in a major earthquake.
 - **January 1, 2013** – 5 year extension of 2008 deadline if hospital buildings meet certain requirements. All but 29 acute care hospitals have requested a 5-year extension.
 - **January 1, 2015** – SB 1661 extends 2013 for two years for hospitals making good faith effort but are unable to complete construction by 2013.
 - **January 1, 2030** - requires all acute care hospital buildings be in compliance with SB 1953 (e.g., classified as a SPC-3, 4, or 5 building).
6. **Hospital Compliance with SB 1953** (*California Healthcare Foundation, January 2009*)
 - Approximately 50% of hospital buildings are at risk for not complying with SB 1953 deadlines.
 - As of January 2007, only 20% of SPC-1 space is being addressed through active construction projects. (Rand Study, 2007) Surge in hospital construction from \$2 B annually to \$9 B in 2009 suggests growing number of hospitals addressing SB 1953 challenge.
 - Hospitals may request OSHPD conduct a reassessment of their SPC-1 rating using HAZUS software. About 1/3 of the SPC-1 rated hospital buildings have requested a reassessment. To date 116 buildings (64%) have been reclassified to SBC-2 buildings.
 - Roadblocks to Compliance: retrofit costs comparable to new construction; length required for hospital planning process; supply of qualified hospital designers; cost of new construction (\$575 per square foot); hospital operating incomes under pressure.

¹ SPC – 1 means a hospital building that poses “a significant risk of collapse and danger to the public after a strong earthquake.”