

**CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE**  
**VOLUME 1**  
*Title 26*  
*Los Angeles County Code*

**110.3 Fills Containing Decomposable Material.** Permits shall not be issued for buildings or structures regulated by this Code within 1,000 feet (304.8 m) of fills containing rubbish or other decomposable material unless the fill is isolated by approved natural or artificial protective systems or unless designed according to the recommendation containing in a report prepared by a licensed civil engineer. Such report shall contain a description of the investigation, study and recommendation to minimize the possible intrusion, and to prevent the accumulation of explosive concentrations of decomposition gases within or under enclosed portions of such building or structure. At the time of the final inspection, the civil engineer shall furnish a signed statement attesting that the building or structure has been constructed in accordance with the civil engineer's recommendations as to decomposition gases required herein.

Buildings or structures regulated by this Code shall not be constructed on fills containing rubbish or other decomposable material unless provision is made to prevent damage to structure, floors, underground piping and utilities due to uneven settlement of the fill. One-story light-frame accessory structures not exceeding 400 square feet (37.2 m<sup>2</sup>) in area or 12 feet (3658 mm) in height may be constructed without special provision for foundation stability.

**110.4 Methane Gas Hazards.** Permits shall not be issued for new buildings or enclosed structures regulated by this Code on, adjacent to, or within 300 feet (91.44 m) of active, abandoned or idle oil or gas well(s) unless designed according to recommendations contained in a report prepared by a registered design professional, such as a licensed civil engineer and/or licensed petroleum engineer, to evaluate whether such wells are being properly operated or maintained, or are abandoned. No permits shall be issued until documentation of proper operation, maintenance, or abandonment or reabandonment is submitted to and approved by the Building Official.

**Exception:** When approved by the Building Official, mitigation of methane gas hazards shall not be required for additions or alterations to existing buildings or structures located no closer than 200 feet (60.96 m) to active, abandoned or idle oil or gas well(s).

As used in this section, "well" shall mean any well as defined by Section 3008, Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of the California Public Resources Code.