

## **10A NCAC 13D .3102 APPLICATION OF PHYSICAL PLANT REQUIREMENTS**

The physical plant requirements for each facility shall be applied as follows:

- (1) New construction shall comply with the requirements of Sections .3100-.3400 of this Subchapter.
- (2) Except where otherwise specified, existing buildings shall meet licensure and code requirements in effect at the time of construction, alteration, or modification.
- (3) New additions, alterations, modifications and repairs shall meet the technical requirements of Sections .3100-.3400 of this Subchapter; however, where strict conformance with current requirements would be impractical, the Division may approve alternative measures where the facility can demonstrate to the Division's satisfaction that the alternative measures do not reduce the safety or operating effectiveness of the facility.
- (4) Rules contained in Sections .3100-.3400 of this Subchapter are not intended to prohibit buildings, systems or operational conditions that exceed minimum requirements.
- (5) Equivalency: Alternate methods, procedures, design criteria, functional variations from the physical plant requirements, or new programs may be approved by the Division when the facility can demonstrate to the Division's satisfaction that the intent of the physical plant requirements are met and that the variation does not reduce the safety or operational effectiveness of the facility.
- (6) Where rules, codes, or standards have any conflict, the most stringent requirement shall apply.

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