

International Code Council Government Relations Update – April 2016

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Proposed Changes to the Group B I-Codes Now Available

The code change agenda for the Group B *International Codes* is now available on the ICC website here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/codes-tech-support/codes/code-development-process/20152017-code-development-group-b/>. The proposed changes will be heard during ICC's 2016 Committee Action Hearings, April 17-27, in Louisville, Ky. The Group B I-Codes include administrative provisions for all codes, the structural chapters in the *International Building and Existing Building Codes*, the building and energy chapters in the *International Residential Code*, and all chapters in the *International Fire, Energy Conservation Code* and *Wildland-Urban Interface Codes*. The schedule for the hearings is available here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/news-announcements/group-b-hearing-schedule-now-available/>, and if you still haven't registered, there's still time: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=146246&https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=146246&>.

Receive Text Message Updates During ICC's 2016 Committee Action Hearings

Save valuable time and stay on schedule by signing up to receive text message updates about the progress of code change hearings during ICC's 2016 Committee Action Hearings. ICC will send texts during lunch and dinner breaks to let you know what code changes are coming up after the breaks and at what time sessions will resume. You will also receive a text at the conclusion every night letting you know what time and on what code change each track will start on the next morning. Finally, you will receive texts notifying you every time there is a change to the committee on the dais in either track.

Make the most of your time during the Committee Action Hearings! Sign up now to receive text messages to assist you in planning your time at the hearings: <http://media.iccsafe.org/mobile/>

New Topics Now Available for U.S. Department of Energy Free Webinars

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Building Energy Codes Program is excited to announce additions to its *Energy Code Commentator* training series! Two new topics have been added to the lineup: **REScheck Compliance Software Basics** on Thursday, April 14th at 1 PM EDT (click here to register: <https://www.energycodes.gov/resource-center/training-courses/rescheck-basics-0>), and **Commercial Lighting Requirements of the 2015 IECC and Standard 90.1** on Thursday, May 12th at 1 PM EDT (click here to register: <https://www.energycodes.gov/resource-center/training-courses/lighting-requirements-and-compliance-2015-iecc-and-ashrae-901-2013>)

Recordings of past webinars and the scheduled lineup is available through the DOE Building Energy Codes Program training portal: <http://www.energycodes.gov/training>.

2016 World Standards Day Paper Competition Announced

World Standards Day is celebrated annually around the world to increase awareness of the role that standards play in the global economy. To help celebrate the importance of standards, SES -

The Society for Standards Professionals and the U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day Planning Committee co-sponsor an annual paper competition for individuals in the U.S. standards community.

Authors may choose to address the 2016 World Standards Day theme, “Standards Build Trust,” or another topic of their choosing. Authors may choose to address topics that are either domestic (U.S.) or international in scope. The paper competition is open to any individual in the private sector, government, or academia, including employees of standards developing organizations. Entrants must be employed by a U.S.-based organization and be working in the U.S. Co-authorship is permitted.

Three cash prizes are awarded by SES and the World Standards Day Planning Committee for the best papers submitted. The first place winner receives \$2,500 and a plaque. Second and third place winners receive \$1,000 and \$500, respectively, along with a certificate. In addition, the winning papers will be published in the SES journal, *Standards Engineering*. All paper contest submissions must be received with an official entry form by midnight August 19, 2016, by the SES Executive Director, email to admin@ses-standards.org. For complete rules and more info, go to <https://ses-standards.site-ym.com/?page=WSD>

Can Your Chapter Proclaim 2016 Building Safety Month?

The International Code Council’s (ICC) theme for 2016 Building Safety Month, a public safety awareness campaign celebrated in May, is *Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety*. As always, ICC strives to gain official proclamations nationwide from the President of the United States, state governors, mayors and other elected officials. But your chapter can add its voice, too, to show your support for the cause of nationwide public safety. Over 40 chapters have already made proclamations that you can see here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/proclamations/>, so add yours today! A sample proclamation is included on the next page.

ICC's fire service chapters are in a friendly competition to see who can return the most proclamations.



Proclamation

Building Safety Month — May 2016

Whereas, our Chapter's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound, and;

Whereas, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and;

Whereas, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings, and;

Whereas, "Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety" the theme for Building Safety Month 2016, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2016 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, and,

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapter of _____, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, we encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

Signature

Date