

International Code Council Government Relations Update – April 2017

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Are you ready for 2017 Building Safety Month? Contact Karla Higgs for 2017 ICC BSM posters

May is 2017 Building Safety Month and ICC would like to provide your Chapter with a complimentary set of two Building Safety Month posters. If you are interested in receiving these free posters, please email Karla Higgs, Vice President of Membership Services at khiggs@iccsafe.org. Include the name and mailing address of the person who should receive the posters.

All the Building Safety Month promotional and educational resources are available at www.buildingsafetymonth.org, including step-by-step instructions to organize a community activity, obtain resolutions from your mayors, and more. Members may download many of the Building Safety Month toolkit items completely free from the website. Members may also purchase printed brochures, stickers, pencils and other promotional items from the International Code Council's [online store](#) while supplies last.

ICC Chapters are such an important part of this annual initiative. Be sure to email Jacob Karson at jkarson@iccsafe.org any photos, news items or information about the Building Safety Month events your Chapter sponsors.

NOW OPEN! Primary Representations asked to log in to ICC's new Electronic Voter Validation Site

The *new, improved* International Code Council's Electronic Voter Validation Site is now open. All Primary Representatives of current ICC Governmental Members are urged to access the new site. Simply [click here](#) and login to validate Governmental Member Voting Representatives, up to the maximum number available for your population. **Remember: Governmental Member Voting Representatives must be validated each year.** This year, Voting Representatives must be validated by August 11, 2017, in order to vote during the upcoming 2017 Annual Business Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact ICC Member Services at members@iccsafe.org or call the Member Services staff at 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233) x33804.

Three tracks offered May 22-26 at ICC's Training and Certification Summit in Arlington, Texas

Registrations are rolling in for the popular International Code Council's (ICC's) **Training and Certification Summit** on May 22–26 at the University of Texas at Arlington. Held in conjunction with the 25th Building Professional Institute's education program, ICC's Summit will feature three unique training tracks designed to help expand your knowledge on building safety, inspections, leadership and communication in the workplace. In addition to training, you will also have the opportunity to take ICC Certification exams. Click on the following tracks for complete descriptions and instructor bios:

Track 1: [Leadership Institute](#)

Track 2: [Principles of Building Safety Institute](#)

Track 3: [Residential Building Inspector Certification Academy](#)

Special discount pricing – All International Code Council members will receive special [discount pricing](#) to attend. The regular price for each 3-day track is \$450, but we are offering you and your members the opportunity to participate at our ICC Member price of \$350. To receive the discount price to attend the Summit, [click here to Register](#). And check out the free publications related to tracks 1 and 2. For complete details including Summit registration, schedules, ICC Certification exams, pre-event meetings and hotel/travel information, visit www.iccsafe.org/TCS. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call 888-422-7233, ext. 4333 or send an email to conference@iccsafe.org.

ICC-ES issues evaluation report for a shipping container used as a building material for the first time

ICC-ES has issued its first evaluation report for a shipping container used as a structural building material to SG Blocks, Inc. of Nashville, Tenn. The evaluation report, [ESR-3764](#), addresses the structural steel used in the shipping container and the quality control process for selecting shipping containers. The report does not address modifications to the individual containers in an as-built environment.

Quality shipping containers used in maritime commerce are subject to rigorous inspection mandates. The report incorporates references to the maritime requirements as a means of establishing quality control parameters for use of the containers when they are incorporated for use as a building material. Once accepted for use, the containers are subject to the requirements of the applicable code or codes used in the jurisdiction. [Click here for a video](#) on how you can use ICC-ES's evaluation reports.

ICC PMG Membership Council offers video library to assist plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas officials

As part of its goal to serve the needs of plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas officials, the [ICC PMG Official Membership Council](#) is providing links to videos published by third parties. Products identified in the videos have an ICC Evaluation Service report or listing and have been tested in accordance with ICC-ES procedures to comply with applicable codes and standards. The service provides easier access to these videos for general consumption, and should not be construed as a product endorsement by ICC. [Click here for more information](#) and to see the videos.

April 10 is the deadline for final comments on 2018 code update process

Step 1 was completed in obtaining feedback on the 2018 code development process when the surveys were received by the Feb. 15 deadline. This information has been compiled into a [Summary of Feedback Received](#). The last deadline for comments April 10 seeks opinions on the Summary of Feedback. Feedback is presented in a logical flow based on code development steps and is keyed to a corresponding number. When providing comments, please cite the feedback number. Submit your comments to ICCCodeProcessFeedback@iccsafe.org.

June 1 is the deadline to sign up for 2018/2019 Cycle Code Committees

With the posting of the Final Action for the 2016 Group B Cycle, the [2018/2019 Code Development Schedule](#) is now available. In conjunction with the posting of the 2018/2019 Schedule, a [Call for Committee for 2018/2019 Cycle code committees](#) and related cycle committees has been issued. The application deadline for 2018/2019 Cycle related committees is June 1.

ICC asks McKinley Advisors to administer poll on the value of code officials to communities

McKinley Advisors, an independent consulting firm, is administering a poll on behalf of the International Code Council. Your participation will help the Code Council gather insight on the value of Code Officials to the larger community, as well as ways in which you are already promoting the profession. The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete and individual responses will be kept confidential. You should have been sent the electronic poll by now. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Candace Vanderpoel, Research Manager at McKinley Advisors, by emailing surveys@mckinley-advisors.com. Thank you for your time and insight.

'When Disaster Strikes Institute' set for May 4-5 in Columbus, Ohio

This essential course for all building and code officials and licensed professionals focuses on skills, knowledge, and tools to help them become a disaster response inspector. Participants will learn the ICC disaster response process, which will enable them to respond to a disaster site prepared to interface with the onsite command structure and become a resource in identifying unsafe buildings and uninhabitable structures. Participants as disaster responders will be able to respond to a disaster site,

prepare to become a resource to that jurisdiction and to identify buildings in accordance with the ICC, ATC and the authority having jurisdiction. Participants will be better able to:

- Explain the role of the of the National Incident Management System
- Prepare for mobilization prior to a disaster
- Execute site mobilization procedures
- Conduct a site inspection
- Estimate damage by percentage of structure or by dollars per square foot
- Post standardized notices and/or alternative notices
- Communicate with affected persons at the disaster site

[Click here for registration information.](#) The institute is co-sponsored by the Ohio Building Officials Association.

Three-day 'Fire and Life Safety Institute' to start May 8 in Park City, Utah

Park City will be the site of the Fire and Life Safety Institute on May 8-10 where participants will receive an overview of the fire and life safety requirements of buildings as indicated in the 2015 International Building Code® (IBC®). The institute will address critical topics to enhance technical skills, deepen understanding and help them gain the necessary knowledge and tools to apply the code effectively efficiently and reasonably. The topics that will be covered include building classification, fire protection and means of egress. Upon completion, participants will be better able to:

- Identify and describe the 26 specific occupancy groups established in the 2015 IBC.
- Identify the characteristics of the nine types of construction set forth in the 2015 IBC.
- Determine the allowable height and area of a building based upon its occupancy classification, type of construction, and special features.
- Apply the special provisions applicable to mixed-occupancy and unlimited area buildings.
- Explain the scope of the fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant provisions in Chapter 7.
- List the hazards associated with interior finishes, decorative materials and trims.
- Identify the individual building components that require a fire-resistance rating.

[Click here for registration information.](#)

ICC and NOWRA to co-publish the International Private Sewage Disposal Code

The [International Code Council](#) (ICC) and [National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association](#) (NOWRA) announce an agreement to co-publish the *International Private Sewage Disposal Code*® (IPSDC). The IPSDC addresses the best practices and technologies to ensure the safety and welfare of communities, individuals, and businesses that utilize their own onsite wastewater solutions. Currently adopted within 17 states and by 102 jurisdictions, the U.S. territories of Guam and Puerto Rico, as well as in Abu Dhabi, the IPSDC is quickly becoming the primary resource for communities that wish to implement safe, affordable private sewage disposal solutions.

Through leveraging the combined expertise of ICC's and NOWRA's memberships, the collaborative effort on the IPSDC will facilitate the use of the latest science-based best practices and innovative technologies in safely handling onsite, decentralized wastewater, thereby reducing customers' costs. The IPSDC addresses inconsistencies within many regulations that dictate how decentralized systems can be designed, installed, and operated. The code development cycle for the 2018 IPSDC is complete and the latest issue will be available through the ICC and NOWRA websites in 2017. Communities looking for more information to adopt the IPSDC can contact their state's Government Relations Regional Manager.

Federal Court rules standards do not lose copyright protection when incorporated by reference

A Federal Court ruled in February that [standards do not enter the public domain, and do not lose their copyright protection, when they are incorporated by reference into regulations.](#) The case involved a

lawsuit filed by ASTM International, the National Fire Protection Association, and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers against Public.Resource.org, which had, over an extended period of time, posted numerous copyrighted codes and standards on its website. The Court permanently barred Public.Resource.org from any unauthorized use or distribution of certain of the plaintiffs' copyrighted materials.

Significant changes to the 2015 PMG codes aimed at preventing problems with condensate pumps

Condensate pumps are often located in attics and crawl spaces and above ceilings where they are not readily observable. If they fail, the condensate overflow can cause structural damage to the building, especially where the overflow will not be noticed immediately. [An addition to Section 307.6](#) states that condensate pumps located in uninhabitable spaces and used with condensing fuel-fired appliances and cooling equipment must be connected to the appliance or equipment served by the pump to prevent water damage in the event of pump failure.

Federal program to reduce windstorm impacts requests comments on new strategic plan

Windstorms, most often in the forms of hurricanes and tornadoes, are the largest loss-producing natural hazard in the United States and have caused more than \$70 billion in economic losses and more than 4,500 deaths since 1980. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) [released its draft of the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program](#) (NWIRP), a new strategic plan to reduce loss of life and property from windstorms. The plan maps out a pathway to better understand, assess the impact from, and protect against windstorms. To counter devastation and bring losses significantly down, Congress created NWIRP, marshaling the expertise and resources of four federal agencies: NIST, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation. Other federal agencies that are also involved are the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Energy.

Non-profit founder seeks safe swimming conditions through International Swimming Pool & Spa Code

Laura Metro, founder of the [CPR Party that provides free CPR training](#), is seeking to provide basic swim lessons for citizens and tax credits for companies providing resources to make people water-safe. Metro proposes that one way to prevent drowning incidents is to give swimming pool and spa professionals incentive to build and upgrade pools that comply with the Code Council's *International Swimming Pool & Spa Code*. "If we arm swimming pool and spa professionals with the correct tools and incentives to build new pools to code and upgrade existing pools, we will save thousands of lives and millions of dollars in medical costs," she said.

Is your ICC Chapter using the current ICC logo on its website and other publications?

Please check your Chapter's website and publications to make sure that if it's using the ICC logo, that it's the current logo. Use this link to see the current version of the official ICC logo, and to download it for your Chapter's use: <https://www.iccsafe.org/download-icc-logos/>

NOTE: If you'd like to share what your Chapter or city is planning for 2017 Building Safety Month, please **contact your ICC Government Relations Liaison** today. We'd like to let others know that you're proud to support Building Safety Month!