

International Code Council Government Relations Update – November 2014

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2015 I-Codes Now Available to View Online!

That's right, all of the 2015 I-Codes (except the Green Code, pending the results of the Governmental Consensus Vote) are now available in a user-friendly format by going to <http://codes.iccsafe.org/>. Just scroll down to the bottom of the page to get to the basic 2015 codes, but they are all there. While you're there, you can check out a large variety of the state codes based on the I-Codes.

Free Feature Topic Webinar: Introduction to Solar Water Heaters for Code Officials

The increasing popularity of solar water heaters makes this free webinar a can't-miss event! At 1:00 pm CST on Wednesday, November 12, learn from expert instructors Jim Huggins – over 39 years' experience testing and certifying solar water heating collectors and systems – and Shawn Martin, ICC's Director of PMG Activities, who has participated in numerous green code and standards development.

This webinar provides a basic introduction to solar water heaters, which collect solar energy to heat water without generating or using electricity. Click here to find out more and to register:

<http://shop.iccsafe.org/education-and-certification/live-schedule/introduction-to-solar-water-heaters-for-code-officials-webinar.html>

NOTE: This webinar has been filled and registration has been closed as of November 4, 2014. However, it will be recorded and available for viewing on the ICC Online Campus several days after the live session. Depending on demand, it may also be repeated in the near future.

Ebola Fact Sheet for ICC Members and First Responders Available

Although the likelihood of the average American to contract Ebola is vanishingly slim, those with the highest risk are going to be hospital, fire and EMS personnel. To prepare ICC Members—especially first responders—to potential on-the-job exposure to Ebola, ICC has developed a fact sheet based on current knowledge from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Click to read more:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/Pages/EbolaFactSheet.aspx>

New ICC Publication Focuses on Post-Disaster Mitigation

The most common contributing factor to significant structural damage and building failure after extreme natural events such as earthquakes and hurricanes is construction that fails to comply with codes, standards and design documents. A new Code Council publication, Special Inspection Manual: 2012 Edition, discusses mitigating these issues. Click here to find out more:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/Pages/071814-SpecialInspection.aspx>

ICC-ES Corner: First Product Evaluated to Requirements of New Acceptance Criteria AC446

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) has issued an evaluation report (ESR-3599) to International Seismic Application Technology (ISAT) for their Blue Banger Hanger. This is the first product to be evaluated to the new ICC-ES acceptance criteria for headed cast-in specialty inserts in concrete (AC446). The Blue Banger Hanger PIP poured-in-place and SDI steel deck cast-in-place headed inserts for use in cracked and uncracked concrete are alternatives to structural cast-in anchors under the 2012, 2009 and 2006 International Building Code® (IBC) and International Residential Code® (IRC).

Introducing the IAS Corner: Accreditation Committee Hearings Scheduled for February 2015

International Accreditation Service, an ICC subsidiary, has scheduled the next open hearings of its Accreditation Committee in Los Angeles, CA on February 9, 2015 at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel. The committee hearings will include discussion of revisions to IAS Accreditation Criteria for Testing Laboratories, Inspection Agencies, Special Inspection Agencies, Building Departments/Code Enforcement Agencies, Fire Prevention and Life Safety Departments to name a few.

Materials related to the hearings will be posted on the IAS website (www.iasonline.org) approximately 60 days prior to the hearing date. All interested parties are welcome to attend and participate in the hearings.