

Energy Newsletter

International Code Council May 2025 Energy and Sustainability Updates

This is an ongoing bi-monthly newsletter series that includes updates from the International Code Council's Energy Team on everything from energy grants to standards development. Visit www.iccsafe.org/energy for more information. Contact Jerica Stacey at jstacey@iccsafe.org to be added to the distribution list.

Top News

- Building Safety Month is here, and the Sustainability Membership Council has kicked off its annual BSM video series! You won't want to miss these daily quick hits on sustainable, resilient and energy efficiency building best practices. Find the SMC on LinkedIn here and on YouTube.
- The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) and the National Energy Codes Collaborative released a brief that provides recommendations and case studies for workforce program administrators, training institutions, employers, and workers on how to support a robust workforce needed for effective code implementation. Read the brief in its entirety here.
- The Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) is supporting a project NREL is conducting for DOE to survey residential trade allies to understand how they view hiring, training, and workforce development opportunities. The goal of this survey is to better understand ways that DOE and partners can better support companies and their workforce through training, education, and other resources. Support this data collection effort so that organizations like MEEA and ICC can create and improve available resources. Take the survey here.
- Registration is open for the 2025 Annual Conference, Expo and Hearings in Cleveland, October 19–30! For a limited time, get an early bird discount and free polo shirt when you purchase the Full Access Pass. https://lnkd.in/g8uYhTnb

2027 IECC Development Process

- Development of the 2027 I-Codes is well underway. For more information, including meeting links, visit the <u>committee webpage</u>. Rosters for both the residential and commercial committees can be found on the committee webpage.
- Subscribe to IECC interested party updates <u>here</u>.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

- The Code Council is hosting several Learn Live events focused on energy and sustainability in the built environment:
 - June 04, 2025: What's New In 2024 IgCC and How Does It All Fit Together to Promote Building and Public Safety.
 - o June 11, 2025: Navigating Digital Solutions for Solar Permitting, Inspection, and Code Enforcement
 - o June 25, 2025: 2024 IWUIC Essentials.
 - o July 02, 2025: Basics of Large-Diameter Ceiling Fans.
 - July 23, 2025: Energy in Existing Buildings: Significant Changes to Chapter 5 of the International Energy Conservation Code for Residential and Commercial Projects.

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about these offerings and register (select "Upcoming Live Courses" in the bottom menu).

- Looking to become a HERS rater? Fast-track your Rater Certification with BER's HERS Ultimate Rater Training program. Complete the online modules at your own pace, then join BER for five days of hands-on, in-person training to conduct your HERS Probationary Ratings and Standard 310 Credentialing. Email info@theber.com to learn more!
- Recordings of the DOE Building Energy Codes Program (BECP) Energy Code Webinar Series are available for those looking for no cost energy code education. Register for an account through the newly established <u>BECP Resource Hub</u>. Learn more about the webinars and see detailed registration instructions on the <u>BECP</u> webinar webpage.
- Have a training request or recommendation? <u>Submit it here</u>.

Partner Activities and Resources

- The Illinois Green Alliance launched <u>The Building Energy Hub</u>, an objective resource for building professionals of all levels of familiarity with energy efficiency. The Hub offers funding and financing resources, case studies, technology primers, and other resources designed to help professionals achieve measurable improvements and navigate complex requirements with confidence. ICC is proud to be among the many education, technical, and resource development partners of the Hub.
- The Resilient Southwest Building Code Collaborative also recently launched its resource website and is hosting, in collaboration with ICC, a webinar series on the 2024 IECC. Learn more here. The Collaborative is a collective effort by local jurisdictions, state agencies, educational and training organizations, industry and other technical partners, and community-based organizations to transform building construction practices across the southwest to achieve highly efficient and climate-resilient buildings and communities while preserving affordability and regional characteristics.
- Building Efficiency Resources (BER) is back with Season 2 of The BERcast! Join BER's President, Chris McTaggart, and special guests as they dive into the latest in building science, green building trends and industry news, featuring insightful conversations with expert guests from across the field. Don't miss out—stream The BERcast now on YouTube, Spotify or your favorite platform to stay up to date on all things building performance.

Building Safety Journal

- Check out the International Code Council's <u>Building Safety Journal</u>, which features articles relevant to current trends and hot topics within the building safety industry. New featured articles include:
 - o Strong Homes Scale: Connecting Consumers to Building Codes

- o Addressing Water-related Challenges Through Advocacy and Standards Development
- o How Tribal Nations Are Leading the Way on Building Code Adoption
- o FEMA Highlights the Life and Property Savings of Building Codes
- Submit an article for consideration in the Building Safety Journal. The Building Safety Journal accepts editorial submissions for categories that include deep dives, technical topics, personal perspectives, member news and quick hits. Click here to learn more and submit.

Standards Development

■ The next meeting of RESNET/ICC Standards Development Committee 1400—responsible for the development of standard RESNET/ICC 1450, Remote Virtual Inspection for Energy and Water Performance of Buildings—is June 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM ET. Learn more here.

Committees

Sustainability, Energy & High Performance Building Code Action Committee (SEHPCAC)

- SEHPCAC meetings are open to the public. The <u>next meeting</u> will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2025, at 2:00 PM ET.
- Any interested party can participate in committee meetings and be considered by the committee for membership on any sub-group that the committee creates. If you want to be listed as an interested party and receive meeting reminders and information, please contact the committee secretariats, <u>Alex Smith</u> and Jason Toves.

Sustainability Membership Council (SMC)

- Find out what the SMC is doing to support healthy and sustainable buildings in your community. The <u>next</u> <u>meeting</u> will take place on June 6, 2025, from 2:30 PM 4:00 PM ET. An agenda will be posted prior to the meeting in the Code Council Online Member Community.
- Join the SMC for a casual coffee hour on June 20 from 11:00 AM 12:00 PM ET to discuss emerging topics and other energy and sustainability related areas of interest. Future coffee hours will occur on the third Friday of every month.
 - Join here: https://tinyurl.com/Coffee-SMC
 - o Follow the SMC on social media: <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.
- The International Code Council's state-of-the-art online Member Community platform is a FREE exclusive benefit offered only to Code Council members. This self-service tool helps building safety professionals connect and network with other members, streamline communication and collaboration, create and share events, and more. Access the Member Community via MyICC, and for any questions, please email membercommunity@iccsafe.org.

Energy and Resilience Grants

■ <u>Click here to learn more</u> about federal grant opportunities to support building code-related activities or contact Stella Carr (Energy and Resilience Project Manager) at <u>scarr@iccsafe.org</u> to schedule a consultation.