

## **International Code Council Government Relations Update – August 2016**

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### **Early Bird Registration Still Open for Annual Conference!**

This year's Conference will offer over 30 educational sessions where you can earn CEUs and LUs, as well as certification testing, building tours, valuable networking and the opportunity to help finalize code changes to the 2018 International Codes. Check out what's new for this year:

- More educational sessions and building tours for building safety professionals at all levels of experience, including an all-new session called Global Connections Day.
- Drone classes and demos — Learn how drone technology is helping reduce operating costs and improving the timeliness and accuracy of data from the field.
- The Building Safety & Design Expo will feature the new *Energy Efficiency Zone*, sponsored by RESNET, where the latest energy efficiency technologies and cutting-edge products will be on display.

Help us ensure that all ICC Chapter Members and Industry friends know about this year's Conference.

Visit our Promotional Resource Page: <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/periodicals-and-newsroom/annual-meetings/promo-tool-kit/> for tools to help spread the word about conference to your Chapter members and colleagues. And don't forget to register here:

[http://media.iccsafe.org/2016\\_ICC\\_PCH/index.html](http://media.iccsafe.org/2016_ICC_PCH/index.html)

### **Code of Honor Scholarship Deadline This Friday!**

If you are an ICC Governmental Member Voting Representative, don't miss your chance to apply for a Code of Honor Scholarship to support your attendance at ICC's Public Comment Hearings, October 19 – 25. The application period is currently open and will close on Friday, August 5. Code of Honor Scholarship Program details are available here: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/scholarships/code-of-honor-scholarships/>, or for specific questions, call 888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 5268. Thank you in advance for making this program successful.

### **Don't Forget to Submit Your Annual Report – Deadline This Month!**

Dozens of Chapters have already submitted Annual Reports. August 15 is the deadline to submit your Annual Report and receive all Chapter benefits, including a complimentary registration to this year's ICC Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri or to the Chapter Leader Symposium in Oklahoma City. Remember: To submit your Chapter's Annual Report, log in to your My ICC account and choose "My Chapters." From there, you can "View/Edit Chapter Details," including adding an Annual Report. As always, if you have questions or comments, please contact Karla Higgs at 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233) x5268 or [chapters@iccsafe.org](mailto:chapters@iccsafe.org).

### **Have You Validated Your Voting Representative?**

You don't want to miss your chance to vote! Validate your Governmental Member Voting Representatives to ensure you can vote online after the Public Comment Hearings (PCH). Primary Representatives: visit [www.iccsafe.org/EVDS](http://www.iccsafe.org/EVDS) to log in and complete the process no later than Sept. 15. Here are FAQs on the process: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/voter-validation-process-faqs/>

### **Plan Now to Attend ICC's Training and Certification Summit**

Start making plans now to attend the International Code Council's (ICC's) Training and Certification Summit, May 22–26, 2017 at the University of Texas at Arlington. Held in conjunction with the 25th Building Professional Institute (BPI) educational program, ICC's Summit will provide you with four unique educational programs, led by ICC's national experts, including:

- The Leadership Institute
- The Building/Fire Safety Principles Institute
- Residential Building Inspector Certification Academy (Get your certification\* in 1 week!)
- The Multigenerational Communications in the Workplace Institute

Not only will you receive CEUs for your attendance, special bundle pricing will be available on ICC's references and study guides! For track descriptions and event details, visit the ICC Training and Certification Summit webpage. This is your chance to take part in two very special educational events under one roof! Find out more here: [http://media.iccsafe.org/2017\\_ICC\\_TCS/index.html](http://media.iccsafe.org/2017_ICC_TCS/index.html)

### **New CodeNotes™ 2015 ISPSC® Residential Swimming Pool and Spa Permit & Plan Guidelines**

The PMG Membership Council is committed to providing its members informative code support documents through CodeNotes, a series of free, helpful guidelines explaining some of the more technical sections of the codes. This issue features the 2015 ISPSC® Residential Swimming Pool and Spa Permit & Plan Guidelines. Click here for your free downloadable copy of CodeNotes:

[http://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/membership\\_councils/080116-codenotes.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/membership_councils/080116-codenotes.pdf)

**Visit the PMG Official Membership Council Web page for additional information and updates.**

### **U.S., Enbridge Reach \$177 Million Settlement after Oil Spills; Requires Action to Prevent Future Spills**

In addition to payments required under the proposed settlement, Enbridge is committing to the following measures:

- Enhance its emergency spill response preparedness programs by conducting four emergency spill response exercises to test and practice Enbridge's response to a major inland oil spill
- Improve training and coordination with state and local emergency responders by requiring incident command system training for employees, provide training to local responders, participate in area response planning and organize response exercises

To learn more about the settlement, click here: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enbridge-clean-water-act-settlement>

### **EPA Research Shows Moderate or Severe Corrosion in Majority of Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Systems Studied**

Although EPA cannot project the actual percentage of USTs storing diesel that are affected by corrosion nationwide, the Agency is alerting owners of USTs storing diesel fuel about risks from corrosion. EPA's

notification recommends owners check inside their tank systems and further investigate the condition of their diesel fuel tanks. Owners' awareness and early actions could help protect them from higher repair costs and help protect the environment from contamination from releases. EPA's UST website provides information on actions tank owners can take to minimize corrosion and associated risks: <https://www.epa.gov/ust>