

International Code Council Government Relations Update January 2014

cdpACCESS Is Now Live!

Led by the ICC Board and Steering Committee, the cdpACCESS team is proud to launch the official, fully-functional website. Submit code change proposals, collaborate with like-minded individuals, and review the proposals pending review on the cdpACCESS website. Then, in April, ICC Governmental Members will be able to vote remotely in the 2014 Committee Action Hearings and Online Governmental Consensus Vote, as long as their membership is current as of March 28, 2014. Check it out here: <http://cdpaccess.com>, and check out the free webinar schedule for how to get the most out of cdpACCESS here: www.iccsafe.org/cdpACCESS.

Changes to ICC Exam Appeals Process Start This Month

As of January 1, 2014, the candidate exam appeals process has been significantly changed, to allow Certification and Testing to focus resources on those candidates who have a justifiable concern.

The current policy can be found in the [National Certification Exam Information Bulletin](#). It allows a three-step process at no charge to be initiated within 90 days of failing an exam.

Starting January 1, a mandatory \$100.00 fee is required when filing a formal challenge of a failed exam and this initial challenge must take place within 30 days of receipt of your exam results. ICC will continue to post updated forms and information about the process changes over the coming weeks on the Certifications page: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Certification/Pages/News.aspx>

Get Ready for the Committee Action Hearings in Memphis!

Join us in Memphis, Tennessee April 27 – May 4 to help ensure the 2015 International Green Construction Code provides the best in energy, water and cost efficiencies from sustainable construction. ICC Membership is not required and the hearings are free to attend. In addition, cdpACCESS will be live at the Committee Action Hearings. In order to participate in the 2014 Committee Action Hearings and Online Governmental Consensus Vote which follows the hearings, ICC Governmental Memberships must be current by March 28, 2014.

Call for 2014 Annual Conference Presentations

The International Code Council Training and Education department is looking for presenters for education programs at the 2014 Annual Conference. The education program theme for this conference will be Accessibility. Click here for details: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Education/Pages/Call-Presentations.aspx?r=presentations>

ICC Teams Up with NAHB and NKBA for "Design and Construction Week"

The International Code Council is a supporting organization of the first ever "[Design and Construction Week](#)," Feb. 4-6, 2014, in Las Vegas. Created by the [National Association of Home Builders](#) (NAHB) and the [National Kitchen and Bath Association](#) (NKBA) to improve industry professionalism through education, networking and product knowledge, the event promises to be the largest-ever residential construction expo in the nation in 2014. Find out more and register here: <http://www.designandconstructionweek.com/register.html?org=ICC>

ICC-ES Evaluation Report of the Month: ESR-1154

January started with some polar temperatures in much of the United States, so this month's Evaluation Report covers NCFI's Sealite Spray-Applied Polyurethane Insulation, which confirms its surface-burning properties, air permeability, and (perhaps most importantly) thermal resistance to be in accordance with the 2012 IBC, IRC, and IECC. Take a look at this report and reports on other thermal and moisture protection products here: http://www.icc-es.org/Reports/index.cfm?csi_id=302&view_details

2014 Building Safety Month Theme Announced

Just a reminder that Building Safety Month is coming up in May. This year's theme is: *Building Safety Month: Code Officials Keep You Safe*. Keep an eye out for updates in the coming months for the weekly themes, events, proclamations, and other Building Safety Month-related information!