

## International Code Council [Government Relations](#) New Updates – March 2018

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**March 16 is the deadline for Governmental Member Voting Representatives to be validated to vote**  
All ICC Primary Representatives must validate their Governmental Member Voting Representatives by **March 16th** to participate in the online voting that follows the Committee Action Hearings on the 2021 I-Codes. The hearings will be held April 15-23 in Columbus, Ohio. [Check your voting status here](#). The proposed changes for Group A were put online Feb. 28, and [they can be found by clicking here](#). For more information about the 2021 I-Codes development process, [click here](#). For more information about cdpACCESS (used for online voting), visit [www.iccsafe.org/cdpaccess](http://www.iccsafe.org/cdpaccess).

**Help spread the word: 38th annual Building Safety Month theme is “Building Codes Save Lives”**  
Building Safety Month depends on the efforts of individuals like you to help the public understand the value of code officials to healthy, growing communities. [Help us spread the word!](#) We have resources to help. These include a sample proclamation, kid’s stickers, brochures, pencils and more. The 2018 BSM theme is “Building Codes Save Lives,” and the weekly themes will be:

- Week One (May 1-5): “Partnering with Code Officials to Build Stronger, Safer Communities”
- Week Two (May 6-12): “Advancing Resilient Communities Through Science & Technology”
- Week Three (May 13-19): “Protecting Communities from Disasters”
- Week Four (May 20-26): “Safeguarding Our Water”
- Week Five (May 27-31): “Improving Education & Training Standards for a Safer Tomorrow”

A big shout out goes to the [Building Officials Association of Louisiana](#) for being the first ICC Chapter to submit its proclamation of the 2018 Building Safety Month!

**Just in time for 2018 I-Code updates, weblink gives a quick review of key changes since 2015 I-Codes**  
It’s not a substitute for the Significant Changes series, but those seeking a quick briefing on changes between 2015 I-Codes and 2018 I-Codes can find a quick review online at the ICC website. [Click here to see “What’s New in the 2018 I-Codes?”](#) The webpage runs through key changes in the 2018 International Building Code®, the 2018 International Residential Code® for One- and Two-Family Dwellings, the 2018 International Fire Code®, the 2018 International Plumbing Code®, the 2018 International Mechanical Code®, the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code®, the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code®, the 2018 International Existing Building Code® and the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code®.

**New paper by NCBCS provides overview of code adoption cycles and benefits of keeping current**  
A new paper by the National Council on Building Codes and Standards provides a brief overview of the adoption cycle process and highlights both the concerns and the benefits of adopting current codes and standards. Many jurisdictions in the U.S. have put building codes and standards in place to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. There are benefits and challenges to adopting codes at regular intervals that coincide with the update of the model codes. [Read more](#).

**From 2021 codes to new leaders: Major ICC gatherings planned for Columbus, Denver and Richmond**  
Here are the dates and related information of the Group A code hearings, the Third Annual Chapter Leadership Academy and the 2018 ICC Annual Conference.

- The [2018 Committee Action Hearings](#) are **April 15–23, 2018**, in Columbus, Ohio. The hearings offer code and fire officials, architects, builders, engineers, and plumbing, mechanical and energy conservation professionals the opportunity to debate proposed changes to the Group A International Codes®. The hearings are free to attend, but preregistration is recommended now. [Click here for the schedule of Group A hearings in Columbus](#).
- The **Third Annual Chapter Leadership Academy** is set for June 4-6 at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center in Denver, Colo. Chapter Vice Presidents or other Chapter Officers are encouraged to participate. Register by clicking [here](#), and let us know how many leaders from your Chapter plan to attend the Academy.

- On **October 21–31, 2018**, the Code Council will host the [2018 Annual Conference, Code Hearings and Expo](#) in Richmond, Va. The conference includes top-notch education sessions, building tours, Global Connections Day, valuable networking and the opportunity to help finalize the Group A 2021 International Codes. Registration begins in spring of 2018.

#### **PMG Membership Council features speech by Legionnaires' disease expert April 15 in Columbus**

ICC Members attending ICC Membership Council meetings and the Group A Committee Action Hearings in Columbus, Ohio, are invited to hear [Dr. Janet Stout](#), a world-renowned expert in Legionnaires' disease prevention. She will be speaking about "Controlling Legionella: New Focus on Building Water Safety and Management" at the [PMG Membership Council](#) meeting at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 15.

#### **Code Council joins other stakeholders celebrating passage of the Federal Cost Share Reform Incentive**

The International Code Council applauds the inclusion of the Federal Cost Share Reform Incentive as a provision of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, passed by the U.S. Congress on Feb. 9. This provision encourages states to adopt the latest building codes, incentivizes states to invest in the resiliency of their communities, and includes additional disaster relief funds of nearly \$90 billion. [Read more.](#)

#### **ICC Board President Jay Elbettar featured on first ICC Pulse Podcast monthly series**

The Code Council just released the first episode of the new ICC Pulse Podcast. This podcast offers ICC members, supporters and others interested in building safety the inside scoop on the Code Council and the building safety industry. Each monthly episode features an interview with a leading industry expert discussing current events, new technologies and more. In episode 1, Whitney Doll, the Code Council's Director of Communications and podcast host, talks with [Board of Directors President Jay Elbettar](#), P.E., CBO, LEED AP, CASp. [Click to listen.](#)

#### **ICC Government Relations' Sara Yerkes named to Multihazard Mitigation Council board**

Sara Yerkes, senior vice president of Government Relations at the International Code Council was recently named an At-Large member for the Multihazard Mitigation Council's Board of Direction. She served as chair and the Code Council's representative on the National Institute of Building Sciences Consultative Council, and on the National Council of Governments on Building Codes and Standards' Existing Buildings Committee. [Read more.](#)

#### **Jim Ellwood joins ICC's Government Relations team as new Career Development Coordinator**

Jim Ellwood is a well-known face at ICC for his passionate devotion to young people and the High School Technical Training Program. Now, Ellwood has joined the International Code Council as the Career Development Coordinator in the Government Relations department. The new position will develop and run ICC's technical high school and community college training programs, and its new Military Families Career Path Program. For more on [Ellwood's new position, click here.](#)

#### **ICC-SRCC and APSP release the first edition of the Solar Pool and Spa Heating System Standard**

The Solar Rating & Certification Corporation (ICC-SRCC) and the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP) released the first **Solar Pool and Spa Heating System Standard** (ICC/APSP 902/SRCC 400-2017). Accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an American National Standard, ICC/APSP/SRCC 400 was developed through International Code Council's consensus-based standard development process that brings together all stakeholders, including code officials, product and system manufacturers, design professionals, researchers, and facility owners and managers. [Read more](#)

#### **Portland Cement Association and Simpson Strong-Tie join effort to create resilience benchmarks**

The Portland Cement Association (PCA) and Simpson Strong-Tie have joined the International Code Council and the [Alliance for National & Community Resilience](#) (ANCR) to create the first whole-community resilience benchmarks in the U.S. This self-assessment system will provide communities a transparent, practical and commonsense way to quickly and easily gauge their cross-sector resilience efforts. PCA, a nonprofit organization serving America's cement manufacturers, donated \$25,000 to ANCR. In addition, Simpson Strong-Tie, a leading supplier of structural building products, pledged

\$10,000 to support the development of the buildings benchmark, one of the core functional areas for all communities. [Click here to read more.](#)

**Annual search for National Clean Energy 3iAwards new for 2018: Young Clean Energy Innovator**  
The Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) today opens its call for nominees for its [2018 3iAwards](#) - a prestigious annual national search for innovative people, projects and programs that promote and accelerate the sustainable growth of clean energy. The IREC 3iAwards honor innovation, ingenuity and inspiration from the nation's best in both renewable energy and energy efficiency. This year adds a new award for **Young Clean Energy Innovator**. [Read more here.](#)

**ICC-ES PMG issues its first WaterSense certification for spray sprinkler bodies to Hunter Industries**  
The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas (PMG) Listing Program issued its first listing report with the WaterSense certification for spray sprinkler bodies to Hunter Industries. Products certified to WaterSense specifications helped American families conserve 2.1 trillion gallons of water and save more than \$46.3 billion in water and energy bills between 2006 and 2016. [Read more](#)

**DOE offers webinar covering key codes and standards relevant to energy storage system safety**  
The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (DOE OE) Energy Storage Program, you are invited to [attend a webinar](#) covering the status of key codes/standards that are relevant to energy storage system (ESS) safety. The webinar, as with the monthly reports, will focus on the activities at ASME, CSA, DNV GL, FM Global, ICC, IEEE, NECA, NEMA, NFPA, and UL related to ESS safety. This is an opportunity to get more in-depth information about these initiatives and, through follow up questions and answers, ensure everyone interested in this topic knows what is currently happening as well as what will be coming up in the future. [Register here.](#)

**Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.**  
Online learning is available 24/7 from the ICC Learning Center. We have added over 80 new online courses to our already robust catalog. See the complete listing in the [Learning Center](#) under "[Online Courses](#)." And single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on critical code topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **March 8** – Complimentary registration webinar [Fire Tests in Support of Tall Wood Buildings AM \(DES603\)](#) 10:55 a.m. Eastern and [1:55 p.m. Eastern](#).
- **March 16** – Complimentary registration webinar [CLT Adhesive Tests in Support of Tall Wood Buildings AM \(DES604\)](#) 10:55 a.m. Eastern and [1:55 p.m. Eastern](#).
- **March 19** in Brea, Calif., the [ISO/IEC 17021-1 Training Course](#) to help professionals apply key sections of this ISO Standard to their work as a Management System Certification Body (MSCB).
- **March 28** – [2018 IBC Essentials](#) in Chicago.

The following is the updated list of institutes and other training opportunities across the nation:

- **March 5-8** at San Francisco, the [Commercial Inspector Academy](#) can better prepare you for the B1 Certification exam with this Certification Test Academy that covers exam topics in detail and provides an opportunity for you to answer questions that reference exam resources.
- **March 5-9** [Residential Inspection Institute](#) at Austin, Texas. Focus is on essential code provisions of 2015 IRC, IPC, IFGC, IMC and IECC.
- **March 12-16** [Plan Review Institute](#) at Birmingham, Ala. This institute will focus on the knowledge and skills necessary to perform a plan review referencing the 2015 IRC and the structural and nonstructural provisions of the International Building Code.
- **March 19-21** the [Code Specialist Academy](#) in Seattle provides instruction, individual and group interactive review exercises, evening assignments and the opportunity to practice test taking. Topics include customer service and communication; financial management; personnel management; records management and code management.
- **March 19–23, 2018** [EduCode 2018](#), for building safety and code compliance professionals. All sessions are approved through the ICC Preferred Provider Program and cover topics that include architectural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, structural, fire protection, code enforcement and

leadership. Spend up to five days in Las Vegas for specialized training and earn up to 4.0 CEUs. Certification exams will be offered onsite during EduCode 2018.

- **March 26-27** "[When Disaster Strikes](#)" Institute in Norfolk, Va. The Institute will provide hands-on instruction on assessing damage in the form of activities, case studies and interactive simulations that walk participants through the disaster scenarios; encourage discussion and describe how paperwork should be completed.
- **April 9-11** in Portland, Maine, [Principles of Building Safety](#). Participants deepen understanding and logic of code provisions for effective design, construction, application and interpretation.
- **May 8-9** in Las Vegas, Nev., [Leadership Institute](#). Manage change within your organization by obtaining the leadership techniques, tactical methods and critical knowledge that is critical for effective leaders.
- **May 21-22** in Washington, D.C., [Training on the 2017 Revision to ISO/IEC 17025](#). Learn about requirements in the 2017 revision to the laboratory QA/QC standard, ISO/IEC 17025, to accredit laboratories. Instructor is Ned Gravel, IAS Training Manager and 20 year veteran of the conformity assessment community in Canada and the US.
- **June 11-12** in St. Louis "[When Disaster Strikes](#)" Institute.
- **September 10-11** in Brea, Calif., in St. Louis "[When Disaster Strikes](#)" Institute.