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## Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
NC	North Carolina Building Code Council Meeting	9/14/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
VT	Vermont Plumbers Examining Board Meeting	9/14/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
VA	Virginia Board for Contractors Meeting	9/14/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
OR	Oregon Board of Boiler Rules Meeting	9/14/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
US	IAPMO USHGC Teleconference Meeting	9/14/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
IL	Illinois Capital Development Board Meeting	9/14/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
ND	North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting	9/15/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
NV	Northern Nevada ICC Board Meeting	9/15/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
WA	State Building Code Council TAG (Building Code) Meeting	9/15/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
NM	New Mexico Construction Industries Commission Meeting	9/15/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
MA	Fire Prevention Fire Protection Advisory Committee Meeting	9/15/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	9/16/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
ME	Maine Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting	9/16/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
MI	Michigan State Fire Safety Board Meeting	9/16/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
NY	New York Building Standards and Codes Meeting	9/16/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
OH	Ohio BBS Code Committee Meeting	9/16/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
WA	Washington State Building Code Council MVE Meeting	9/16/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
WA	Washington State Building Code Council BFP Meeting	9/16/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
NH	Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board Meeting	9/17/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
WA	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	9/17/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
OH	Ohio Board of Building Standards Meeting	9/17/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>
VA	Virginia State Code Technical Review Board Meeting	9/17/2021	<a href="#">Info</a>

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## Recent Activity Alerts



### Building

State	Date	Title
Massachusetts	9/14/2021	<a href="#">Board to Discuss 10th Edition Progress Update</a>
<p>On September 14, the Board of Building Regulations and Standards will discuss and vote on the 10th edition progress update, which will cover IBC and IRC Chapter 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 28, 31, 32, 33, and 110.R5.</p>		
Massachusetts	9/15/2021	<a href="#">Committee to Discuss IBC 2021 Chapter 9</a>
<p>On September 15, the Fire Protection Fire Prevention Committee will discuss and vote on IBC 2021, Chapter 9, for the 10th Edition of the Massachusetts Building Code (780 CMR).</p>		
Massachusetts	10/6/2021	<a href="#">Committee to Discuss Proposed Amendments and New Content, IBC 2021</a>
<p>On October 6, the Geotechnical Advisory Committee will review and vote on proposed amendments and new content of IBC 2021, Chapter 18, for inclusion in the 10th Edition of the Massachusetts Building Code (780 CMR).</p>		
Washington	9/15/2021	<a href="#">TAG to Review Existing Amendments Report</a>
<p>On September 5, the Building Code TAG will review the IBC TAG Existing Amendments Report.</p>		

### Energy

State	Date	Title
New Jersey	9/20/2021	<a href="#">Notice of Proposed Substantial Changes Upon Adoption to Proposed Amendment</a>
<p>The Department of Community Affairs proposed amendments at N.J.A.C. 5:23 on January 19, 2021, at 53 N.J.R. 105(a), to amend the delineation of responsibilities to code officials for solar energy at N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.4 and to specify in the rehabilitation subcode at N.J.A.C. 5:23-6 that an accessible means of egress is not required to be provided in existing buildings. The public comment period closed March 20, 2021. The Department is proposing a number of substantive changes to the amendments at N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.4 in response to comments received. A summary of the comments received, and the agency response to those, is provided in the linked document. This notice of proposed substantial changes is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4.10.</p>		

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### Misc.

State	Date	Title
<b>Wisconsin</b>	9/13/2021	<a href="#">Council to Discuss Code Changes</a>
<p>On September 13, the Commercial Building Code Council will discuss SPS Suggested Code Changes, including IBC 2021, SPS 362 (Buildings and Structures), IMC 2021, and SPS 364 (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning). The Council will also discuss public agenda requests, specifically regarding IECC C404.5.</p>		
<b>US</b>	9/10/2021	<a href="#">IAPMO Seeking Public Comments on UPC, UMC 2024 ROPs</a>
<p>The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), developer of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC 2024) and Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC 2024), has posted online the 2021 Report on Proposals (ROP) for the 2024 editions of these seven-time American National Standard-designated model codes. IAPMO is calling for public comments on these ROPs. No comments will be accepted after the 5 PM PST deadline on January 4, 2022.</p>		
<b>South Carolina</b>	9/6/2021	<a href="#">New Modification Requests</a>
<p>The Building Codes Council posted the new modification requests received the week of September 6, 2021. The requests cover the 2021 International Fire Code (IFC 2021) and 2021 International Residential Code (IRC 2021) relating to one or two family dwellings, additional access roads, and exceptions to exterior wall rules.</p>		
<b>Washington</b>	9/16/2021	<a href="#">BFP Committee Progress, Proposals, and Emergency Rules</a>
<p>On September 16, the Building, Fire, and Plumbing Codes Committee will discuss a progress update on HB 2701, a house bill relating to inspection and testing of fire and smoke control systems and dampers. The Committee will also review code change proposals for the IBC and IFC. Further, the Committee will review a request for an emergency rule from Dave Kokot: Elevator Pit Sprinkler Protection Emergency Rule.</p>		
<b>New York</b>	9/16/2021	<a href="#">Council Discussion on Restrictive Local Standards</a>
<p>On September 16, the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council will discuss more restrictive energy code filings, as well as more restrictive local standards for uniform code. The Council will also discuss the building collapse in Surfside, Florida.</p>		

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## Bills with Recent Activity



## Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
US	<a href="#">HR 4350</a>	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022	Adam Smith	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 83.	9/10/2021
<p>This bill provides for Sec. 2861. A Pilot program on increased use of mass timber in military construction. The program provides that each Secretary of a military department shall conduct a pilot program to evaluate the effect that the use of mass timber as the primary construction material in military construction may have on the environmental sustainability, infrastructure resilience, cost effectiveness, and construction timeliness of military construction.</p>					
CA	<a href="#">SB 68</a>	Building electrification and electric vehicle charging	Josh Becker	Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 32. Noes 4.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.	9/10/2021
<p>This bill would require the Energy Commission to develop and publish on its internet website a guide for electrification of buildings and to submit to the Legislature a report on barriers to electrifying existing buildings and to adding energy storage or vehicle charging equipment to existing buildings.</p>					
CA	<a href="#">AB 33</a>	Energy storage systems and transportation electrification infrastructure	Phil Ting	Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.	9/10/2021
<p>This bill would prohibit new public buildings for which construction begins on or after January 1, 2022, to have natural gas connections.</p>					
IL	<a href="#">SB 18</a>	Energy-Tech	Don Harmon et. al	House Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Rules Committee	9/9/2021
<p>The bill adds new section 55. Illinois Stretch Energy Code. The section directs the Board to create and adopt the Illinois Stretch Energy Code, to allow municipalities and projects authorized or funded by the Board to achieve more energy efficiency in buildings than the Illinois Energy Conservation Code through a consistent pathway across the State. The Illinois Stretch Energy Code shall have separate components for commercial and residential buildings, which may be adopted by the municipality jointly or separately.</p> <p>The bill also amends Sec. 30. Enforcement. It adds that for purposes of the Illinois Stretch Energy Code under Section 55, the Board shall allow and encourage, as an alternative compliance mechanism, project certification by a nationally recognized nonprofit certification organization specializing in high-performance passive buildings and offering climate-specific building energy standards that require equal or better energy performance than the Illinois Stretch Energy Code.</p>					

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US	<a href="#">HR 5187</a>	Home Energy Savings Act of 2021	Jimmy Gomez	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	9/7/2021
This bill extends, increases, and modifies the nonbusiness energy property credit.					
US	<a href="#">HR 5181</a>	Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings Act of 2021	Earl Blumenauer	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	9/7/2021
Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily increase the deduction for energy efficient commercial buildings.					
US	<a href="#">HR 5188</a>	New Home Energy Efficiency Act of 2021	Jimmy Gomez	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	9/7/2021
This bill extends the new energy efficient home credit.					

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## State Rules & Notices



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State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
IA	9/8/2021	Final	<b>Controlling Pollution; Emission Standards For Contaminants; Measurement Of Emissions; Scope Of Title-Definitions</b>

This rulemaking adopts several new mandatory federal air quality standards. These amendments are identical to the federal regulations, and the amendments do not impose any regulations on Iowa businesses not already required by federal law. Additionally, the adoption of these amendments will ensure that Iowa's administrative rules are consistent with federal regulations and not any more stringent.

More specifically, the amendments adopt updated federal new source performance standards (NSPS) and air toxics standards, also known as National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). These standards apply whether they are adopted into state regulation or not; however, by incorporating these terms into the State's rules, the Department of Natural Resources (Department) can continue to be a delegated authority under the Clean Air Act (CAA). This allows the Department, rather than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to be the primary compliance and implementation agency in Iowa.