

How the EPC can endorse strong energy efficient building codes:

- The EPC should endorse the NC Building Code Council's efforts under the ARRA SEP grant to bring NC's building codes to be compatible with the latest version of the IECC. In NC's case the Building Code Council will make >30% efficiency over the 2006 version which, in effect, will make the code closer to the 2012 version due to come out by early next year (2011).

EPC should endorse HB 1443 so that, by statute, the Building Code Council is mandated to adopt the latest version of the IECC. This will ensure NC maintains the highest energy efficiency goals over time. Otherwise, the current update to the code would be a one-time update. We want to make sure NC keeps up with the latest energy efficient building technologies. However, the current wording in HB 1443 does not allow for "automatic code adoption" (meaning, the BCC must still go through the same rule-making process as they normally would for updating the Building Code).

- The state of Pennsylvania has included in their Construction Code Act that all successor revisions to the code by adopted by **December 31** of that year.
 - **From §7210.304 Revised or successor codes**

Building Code: Subject to sections 105(c) and (d), 301(a)(3), (4), (5), (6) and (7), (c) and (d) and 302, by December 31 of the year of the issuance of a new triennial BOCA National Building Code, or its successor building code, the department shall promulgate regulations adopting the new code as the Uniform Construction Code.

(An insertion along these lines in G1443 may provide a bit more guidance to the BCC as to when they must begin the promulgation of rules, rather than simply saying they must adopt the latest published edition without any specific deadlines).