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Energy Newsletter

International Code Council December 2024 Energy and Sustainability Updates

This is an ongoing bi-monthly newsletter series that includes updates from the International Code Council's Energy Team on everything from energy grants to standards development. Visit www.iccsafe.org/energy for more information. Contact Jerica Stacey at jstacey@iccsafe.org to be added to the distribution list.

Top News

- The International Code Council Board of Directors has appointed the members that will serve on the consensus committees for the development of the 2027 International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC). Rosters for both the residential and commercial committees can be found on the committee webpage at the following [link](#). For more information, [read more here](#).
- What do code officials need to support effective energy code adoptions and implementation? The National Energy Code Collaborative (NECC) Code Official Engagement Technical Advisory Group (TAG) wants to hear from you. Join the upcoming TAG meeting on January 6 at 3:00-4:30 ET or participate in future TAG meetings. Learn more [here](#) and complete the "Stay Informed" form to receive information.
- In November, the International Code Council joined global stakeholders participating in the [UN Global Climate Change Conference](#) (COP29) for the fourth consecutive year to advance the safety and resilience of the built environment globally to increasingly frequent and severe hazards. [Click here](#) to view the International Code Council's engagement at COP29 in Baku. [Read the recap here](#).

2027 IECC Development Process

- The first public meeting of the Residential Consensus Committee was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 2:00 PM ET. The first public meeting of the 2027 IECC Commercial Consensus Committee was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 2:00 PM ET. For more information including meeting links visit the [committee webpage](#).
- Following these initial consensus committee meetings, applications for interested parties to serve as voting members on the various IECC Residential and Commercial subcommittees opened and will close on January 3, 2025 at 11:59 PM PT. Applications can be found at the following [link](#).
- Subscribe to IECC interested party updates by contacting Jason Toves at jtoves@iccsafe.org.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

- Learn what's new in Austin's Energy Code. The City of Austin will soon adopt the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) with local amendments within the next year. Austin Energy Green Building will review significant changes to the 2024 IECC and local amendments. Speakers will explore how design teams can navigate various paths of compliance and use partnerships to help their clients in the field. Join the webinar on Tuesday, January 14 from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CT. [Register here](#).
- EduCode registration is now open! The Code Council and Shums Coda Associates are offering classes on the 2024 IECC, existing buildings and plan review as the Energy Track. Classes are offered on various other I-Codes as well. [Learn more here](#).
- The 2024 DOE Building Energy Codes Program (BECP) Energy Code Webinar Series has been revamped. To register for an upcoming webinar, create an account through the newly established [BECP Resource Hub](#). Learn more about the webinars and see detailed registration instructions on the [BECP webinar webpage](#).
 - Did you miss the November webinar? [Access the recording](#) to learn about resources and best practices for growing a green workforce!
- **Have a training request or recommendation?** [Submit it here](#).

Partner Activities and Resources

- Building Efficiency Resources (BER) is back with Season 2 of The BERcast! Join BER's Chris McTaggart and Sandy Gallo as they dive into the latest in building science, green building trends and industry news, featuring insightful conversations with expert guests from across the field. Don't miss out—stream The BERcast now on [YouTube](#), Spotify or your favorite platform to stay up to date on all things building performance.
- Stay ahead of the game with resources on on-site renewable energy and high-performance buildings. Stay informed and confident as the energy industry transforms. Invest in your education and training with free educational resources and CEU bearing courses from leading industry organizations, including the Code Council, [here](#).
- The Illinois Stretch Energy Code is now available for purchase at [2023 Illinois Stretch Energy Code](#). The free digital version will be available online in mid-January.

Building Safety Journal

- Check out the International Code Council's [Building Safety Journal](#), which features articles relevant to current trends and hot topics within the building safety industry. New featured articles include:
 - [The Code Council and NACO Host Historic Summit on Model Building Codes](#)
 - [What You Need to Know: EPA's Emissions Reduction and Reclamation Program for HFC Refrigerants](#)
 - [International Code Council's Building Safety Mission Takes a Global Stage at COP29](#)
 - [International Code Council Exhibits and Participates in a Panel Discussion on Sustainable Building Practices at Big 5 Global in Dubai](#)
 - [New Report Illustrates How Local Governments Can Address Housing Shortages and Affordability](#)
 - [International Code Council Highlights Key Role of a Strong Building Safety Regulatory Ecosystem in Achieving Climate Resilience at COP29](#)

- [FEMA Webinar on How Communities Can Use and Benefit from its Public Assistance Mitigation Cost Share Incentives Policy](#)
- [Interior Designer Michelle Jacobson's Passion for Pairing Style with Sustainability](#)
- **Submit an article for consideration in the Building Safety Journal.** The Building Safety Journal accepts editorial submissions for categories that include deep dives, technical topics, personal perspectives, member news and quick hits. [Click here to learn more and submit.](#)

Standards Development

- The next meeting of RESNET/ICC Standards Development Committee 1400—responsible for the development of standard RESNET/ICC 1450, Remote Virtual Inspection for Energy and Water Performance of Buildings—is January 7, 2025, at 2:00 PM ET. [Learn more here.](#)

Committees

[Sustainability, Energy & High Performance Building Code Action Committee \(SEHPCAC\)](#)

- SEHPCAC meetings are open to the public. The [next meeting](#) will be held on Wednesday January 8, 2024, at 2:00 PM ET.
- Any interested party can participate in committee meetings and be considered by the committee for membership on any sub-group that the committee creates. If you want to be listed as an interested party and receive meeting reminders and information, please contact the committee secretariats, [Alex Smith](#) and [Jason Toves](#).

[Sustainability Membership Council \(SMC\)](#)

- *A sincere thank you to Matthew Hunter and Aaron Gary for seven years of service on the SMC!*
- Find out what the SMC is doing to support healthy and sustainable buildings in your community. The [next meeting](#) will take place on January 24, 2025, from 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM ET. An [agenda](#) will be posted prior to the meeting.
- Join the SMC for a casual coffee hour on December 20 from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET. This month's topic is *Standards Development Process for the 2027 IECC*. Future coffee hours will occur on the third Friday of every month.
 - Meeting ID: [943 1788 2063](#); Passcode: [458626](#)
 - Follow the SMC on social media: [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Congratulations to SMC members Hope Medina, Matthew Hunter, and Van Tran on their 2024 ICC Awards.

- Hope Medina, [2024 National Leadership in Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Award](#)
- Matthew Hunter, [2024 Educator of the Year Award](#)
- Van Tran, [2024 Trailblazer Award](#)



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- The International Code Council's new state-of-the-art online Member Community platform is a FREE exclusive benefit offered only to Code Council members. This self-service tool helps building safety professionals connect and network with other members, streamline communication and collaboration, create and share events, and more. Access the Member Community via [MyICC](#), and for any questions, please email membercommunity@iccsafe.org.

Energy and Resilience Grants

- The Code Council and our partners are leading a RECI-funded project ([Code Official Digitization and Efficiency Support \[CODES\]](#)) that's seeking to better understand how technology can help underfunded code departments advance their vital work. We are seeking participants to complete a short [survey](#) to identify challenges that small and under-resourced building and fire prevention departments may encounter in transitioning away from paper-based systems. *Specific responses will not be shared externally.*
- [Click here to learn more](#) about federal grant opportunities to support building code-related activities or contact Stella Carr (Energy and Resilience Grants Manager) at scarr@iccsafe.org to schedule a consultation.