ICC Code Technology Committee Area of Study and Investigation

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In accordance with Section 3.1 of CP #5, the ICC Board assigns the areas of study for the Code Technology Committee (CTC) to investigate. Based on the assigned areas of study, the CTC will establish an agenda and further define the effort.

REVIEW OF NIST WTC RECOMMENDATIONS. On June 23, 2005, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) issued a draft report entitled "Final Report of the National Construction Safety Team on the Collapses of the World Trade Center Towers (Draft)". As noted in Chapter 9 of the report, "NIST strongly urges that immediate and serious consideration be given to these recommendations by the building and fire safety communities – especially designers, owners, developers, codes and standards development organizations, regulators, fire safety professionals, and emergency responders." NIST has charged the National Institute of Building Science (NIBS) with the integration of the recommendations into the building process.

The CTC will work with the ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism Resistant Buildings (TRB) and NIBS in the review of the recommendations for consideration as possible code changes to the applicable I-Code(s). This review includes the prioritization of the recommendations to consider, with the investigation including a review of the supporting information documented in the report to determine the applicability of the recommendations to the building environment as regulated by the I-Codes.