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Item n

Statement of the Issue (beginning of the Reason Statement):

Work Group needed?

Proposed code language

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Cost impact: Will neither increase nor decrease the cost of construction.
Will increase the cost of construction.
Will decrease the cost of construction.

Substantiation: <WHY the above cost impact statement was chosen. Refer to Cost Impact Guide <https://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/IAC-cost-impact-guide.pdf> >

Item 1 DROPPED IMC Reorganization of plenums Section 602 . M55-21 was AM. No further action needed.

Item 2 IFGC Update Hydrogen **Blending** Provisions

Work Group #1 Chairs: Kevin Brenton-Chair, Ken Gregory-Vice Chair

Item 3 IPC Water Reuse Provisions

Work Group #2: Chris Imhoff-Chair, Ken Gregory-Vice Chair

Item 4 IMC Air intake termination access. See M17-21

Send out video link from CAH: <https://www.cdpassess.com/videos/3486/>.

M17 addressed air intake openings (not exhaust openings)

A floor modification (Summers 1) was offered.

M17-21 was:

Revise as follows:

401.4 Intake opening location. Air intake openings shall comply with all of the following:

1. Intake openings shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from lot lines or buildings on the same lot.
2. Mechanical and gravity outdoor air intake openings shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from any hazardous or noxious contaminant source, such as vents, streets, alleys, parking lots and loading docks, except as specified in Item 3 or Section 501.3.1. Outdoor air intake openings shall be permitted to be located less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from streets, alleys, parking lots and loading docks provided that the openings are located not less than 25 feet (7620 mm) vertically above such locations. Where openings front on a street or public way, the distance shall be measured from the closest edge of the street or public way.
3. Intake openings shall be located not less than 3 feet (914 mm) below contaminant sources where such sources are located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of the opening. Separation is not required between intake air openings and living space exhaust air openings of an individual dwelling unit or sleeping unit where an approved factory-built intake/exhaust combination

termination fitting is used to separate the air streams in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

4. Intake openings on structures in flood hazard areas shall be at or above the elevation required by Section 1612 of the International Building Code for utilities and attendant equipment.

5. Dwelling unit outdoor air ventilation system intake openings that are installed on an exterior wall and have a louver, grille, or screen intake opening nominal size less than ½” shall be located to allow maintenance from an outdoor opening, an exterior egress or balcony, a deck, or without the use of a ladder, from the finished ground level.

Reason Statement: During normal operation, ventilation air intakes can become clogged with debris and should be installed to permit easy maintenance by occupants or service providers. Presumably, ventilation air intake openings located on roofs will be serviced by technicians who have access to the roof, and so no special requirements are proposed for access in this case. Ventilation air intake openings that are located on an exterior wall should be serviceable from either indoors (through an outdoor opening), or from an exterior horizontal surface. An exception is provided for intake openings with louvers, grilles, or screens with an opening dimension of less than ½”. Larger opening dimensions (i.e., those complying with Table 401.5 with a nominal opening size of ½”) are less likely to clog with debris and should not require service as frequently.

Floor modification (Summers 1) was:

~~5. Dwelling unit outdoor air ventilation system intake openings that are installed on an exterior wall and have a louver, grille, or screen intake opening nominal size less than ½” shall be located to allow maintenance from an outdoor opening, an exterior egress or balcony, a deck, or without the use of a ladder, from the finished ground level.~~ Dwelling unit outdoor air ventilation system intake openings that are installed on an exterior wall shall comply with at least one of the following:

5.1 Openings in the intakes’ louvers, grilles, or screens shall be not less than 3/8 inch (10 mm).

5.2. Access to permit inspection and cleaning shall be provided by locating a point on the opening’s interior or exterior perimeter within 10 feet (3048 mm) of a walking surface or grade or within 4 feet (1219 mm) of a point on the perimeter of a window or door opening.

6. Access to dwelling unit outdoor air ventilation system intake openings that are installed on a roof shall be provided in accordance with Sections 306.5 and 306.5.1.

Item 5 IMC Plant processing and extraction facility ventilation. See M27-21

Section 408.2 needs to revised or removed?

Work Group #3 established: Andrew Bevis-Chair, Kevin Brenton-Vice Chair

M17-21 was:

Add new text as follows:

SECTION 408 PROCESSING AND EXTRACTION FACILITIES.

408.1 General. Plant processing or extraction facilities shall comply with this section, the International Building Code and Chapter 39 of the International Fire Code. The extraction process includes the act of extraction of the oils and fats by use of a solvent, desolventizing of the raw material, production of the miscella, distillation of the solvent from the miscella and solvent recovery. Post-extraction processing includes winterization, solvent recovery, distillation, decarboxylation, isolation, chromatography and similar processes. The use, storage, transfilling and handling of hazardous materials in these facilities shall comply with this code, the International Building Code and the International Fire Code.

408.2 Existing buildings or facilities. Existing buildings or facilities used for the processing of plants shall comply with this code, the International Building Code and the International Fire Code. Existing extraction processes where the medium of extraction or solvent is changed shall comply with this section.

408.3 Mechanical ventilation. Natural ventilation shall not be permitted. Mechanical ventilation shall be designed and installed in accordance with Section 403 in this code and Chapter 39 of the International Fire Code. The exhaust airflow rate shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of 408.3.1 through 408.3.4.

408.3.1 Extraction processes using flammable gases or flammable liquids. Continuous mechanical exhaust ventilation shall provide a minimum airflow rate of not less than 5 cfm/ft² (0.0038 m³/(s*m²)) of floor area to prevent an accumulation of flammable vapors from exceeding 25 percent of the lower explosive limit (LEL). Recirculation of such air shall be prohibited.

Exception: Where the registered design professional demonstrates that an engineered mechanical exhaust ventilation system design will prevent the maximum concentration of contaminants from exceeding 25% of the LEL, the minimum required rate of exhaust shall be reduced in accordance with such engineered system design.

408.3.2 Extraction processes using compressed asphyxiant or inert gases. Continuous mechanical exhaust ventilation shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 39 of the International Fire Code. Recirculation of such air shall be prohibited.

408.3.3 Post-extraction processes using flammable or combustible liquids or gases. Where flammable liquids, combustible liquids heated above their flashpoint, or flammable gases are used in post-extraction processing, the room or area shall be provided with continuous mechanical exhaust in accordance with Chapter 39 of the International Fire Code.

408.3.4 Interlocks. Electrical equipment and appliances used in processes that generate flammable vapors or gases shall be interlocked with ventilation fans so that the equipment cannot be operated unless the exhaust ventilation fans are in operation.

408.4 Exhaust fan discharge. Exhaust fans shall be positioned so that the discharge will not impinge on the roof, other equipment or appliances or parts of the structure. A vertical discharge fan shall be manufactured with an approved drain outlet at the lowest point of the housing to permit drainage of oils or byproducts to an approved location.

408.5 Exhaust fan mounting. Upblast fans serving plant processing or extraction facilities and installed in a vertical or horizontal position shall be hinged, supplied with a flexible weatherproof electrical cable to permit inspection and cleaning and shall be equipped with a means of restraint to limit the swing of the fan on its hinge. The ductwork shall extend not less than 18 inches (457 mm) above the roof surface.

408.6 Clearances. Exhaust equipment serving a plant processing or extraction facilities shall have a clearance to combustible construction of not less than 18 inches (457 mm).

Exception: Factory-built exhaust equipment installed in accordance with Section 304.1 and listed for a lesser clearance.

408.7 Termination location. The outlet of exhaust equipment serving plant processing or extraction facilities shall be in accordance with Section 501.3 of this code.

Exception: The minimum horizontal distance between vertical discharge fans and parapet-type building structures shall be 2 feet (610 mm), provided that such structures are not higher than the top of the fan discharge opening.

408.8 Ducts. Exhaust duct construction shall comply with Chapter 6.

408.9 Hazardous Exhaust Systems. When the exhaust system is determined to be a hazardous exhaust system by this code, the International Building Code or the International Fire Code, that system shall be installed in accordance with Section 510 of this code.

502.21 Processing and Extraction Facilities. Processing and extraction Facilities shall be provided with an exhaust system in accordance with of Section 408 of this code and Chapter 39 of the International Fire Code.

502.21.1 Operation. The exhaust system for processing and extraction Facilities shall have controls that operate the system continuously when the space is occupied.

502.21.2 Post-processing. Post-processing operations, including dispensing of flammable liquids between containers, shall be performed within a hazardous exhaust fume hood rated for exhausting flammable vapors and listed in accordance with UL 1805. Electrical equipment used within the hazardous exhaust fume hood shall be rated for use in flammable atmospheres. Exception: A hazardous exhaust fume hood shall not be required where an approved exhaust system is installed in accordance with NFPA 91.

Add New Standard:

UL

1805-2002: Standard for Laboratory Hoods and Cabinets (Ed.1)

Reason Statement: These facilities are becoming common in numerous states and these requirements are based of best practices and ensure basic fire and life safety measures. The requirements in this section provide requirements for hazardous and non-hazardous facilities. The development of these requirements was done in collaboration with the PMGCAC and FCAC. Most of these requirements are existing in current code we are only creating sections that provide an understandable path for compliance.

Item 6 IPC Commercial pool plumbing fixture calculations.

WG #4 established: Ken Gregory-Chair, Vice Chair not assigned. Rich Anderson as Interested Party

From Table 403.1 MINIMUM PLUMBING FACILTIES:

Stadiums, amusement parks, bleachers and
grandstands for outdoor sporting events and
activities^f

Notes:

f. The required number and type of plumbing fixtures for outdoor public swimming pools shall be in accordance with Section 609 of the *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*.

Item 7 IMC Table 403.3.1.1 – category description needs clarity

The problem is to clarify which private garages need ventilation and which don't. Private garages are defined in the code

Allow people to think about this more and come back in a future meeting with thoughts.

From Table 403.3.1.1 Minimum Ventilation Rates:

Private dwellings, single and multiple				
Garages, common for multiple units ^b	—	—	—	0.75

Notes:

b. Mechanical exhaust required and the recirculation of air from such spaces is prohibited. Recirculation of air that is contained completely within such spaces shall not be prohibited (see Section 403.2.1, Item 3).

Add a footnote i)

Item 8 IPC Storm water flow discrepancy with IBC storm water flow

From IPC:

1108.3 Sizing of secondary drains. Secondary (emergency) roof drain systems shall be sized in accordance with Section 1106 based on the rainfall rate for which the primary system is sized. Scuppers shall be sized to prevent the depth of ponding water from exceeding that for which the roof was designed as determined by Section 1101.7. Scuppers shall have an opening dimension of not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in height and have an opening width equal to the circumference of the roof drain required for the area served. The flow through the primary system shall not be considered when sizing the secondary roof drain system.

The primary system is sized:

1106.1 General. The size of the vertical conductors and leaders, building storm drains, building storm sewers and any horizontal branches of such drains or sewers shall be based on the 100-year

hourly rainfall rate indicated in [Figures 1106.1\(1\)](#) through [1106.1\(5\)](#) or on other rainfall rates determined from *approved* local weather data.

From the IBC:

1611.1 Design rain loads. Each portion of a roof shall be designed to sustain the *load* of rainwater as per the requirements of Chapter 8 of ASCE 7. The design rainfall shall be based on the 100-year 15-minute duration event, or on other rainfall rates determined from approved local weather data. Alternatively, a design rainfall of twice the 100-year hourly rainfall rate indicated in [Figures 1611.1\(1\)](#) through [1611.1\(5\)](#) shall be permitted.

$$R = 5.2(d_s + d_h)$$

(Equation 16-19)

For SI: $R = 0.0098(d_s + d_h)$

where:

d_h = Additional depth of water on the undeflected roof above the inlet of secondary drainage system at its design flow (in other words, the hydraulic head), in inches (mm).

d_s = Depth of water on the undeflected roof up to the inlet of secondary drainage system when the primary drainage system is blocked (in other words, the static head), in inches (mm).

R = Rain load on the undeflected roof, in psf (kN/m²). Where the phrase "undeflected roof" is used, deflections from *loads* (including *dead loads*) shall not be considered when determining the amount of rain on the roof.

From Julius Ballanco:

"I thought I would alert you as to why the difference in the rainfall rate (storm selection) between the IBC and the IPC. ASPE involved all parties as peer reviewers when doing the research on storm drainage. If you look at the final report, the rainfall rate had two recommended listings, one was a 100 year return period of 1 hour duration. The other was a 10 year return period of 5 minute duration. The later will result in a much higher rainfall rate but less overall rain.

What ASPE discovered is that the design of the roof will have a major impact on the amount of ponding around the roof drain. For the shorter duration storm (microbursts), if the roof has a significant pitch (greater than 1 inch per foot) the ponding at the roof drain can be greater than the ponding for a 100 year storm even though the storm produces less rain. For flatter roofs, the 100 year storm has a greater impact on the ponding around the roof drain.

Of course, the ponding is all related to the structural load calculation.

So, why the differences. When ASPE informed the structural engineers and architects, things started to change. To use Chicago as an example, the 100 year return, 1 hour duration has a rainfall rate of 3.08 inches per hour and a total rainfall

of 3.08 inches. A 10 year return of 5 minute duration has a rainfall rate of 7.4 inches per hour and a total rainfall of 0.619 inches. Hence, ASPE Research Foundation found the numbers to be good to use. As you know, structural engineers tend to be more conservative. For Chicago a 100 year return of 15 minute duration has a rainfall rate of 6.4 inches per hour and a total rainfall amount of 1.60 inches. This equates to the 2-1/2 times factor of safety from what the plumbing engineers list.

As to which code is correct, they both are. The IBC is concerned with roof loading whereas the IPC is concerned with draining the storm water. If anything, the IPC could add a second storm and require the design to be which ever storm has the greatest impact on the storm drainage system. In other words, what is the maximum ponding at the roof drain, and is the pipe sized for that flow rate. The greater the ponding, the more water that flows through the roof drain into the storm drainage system. The reason ASPE did not push for the second storm is because the 100 year return of 1 hour duration is already conservative and thus will handle the microbursts without any detrimental impact on the piping system. But again, the roof loading is another issue.”

Item 8a IPC Pipe labeling for nonpotable water systems-

Change to interval of marking in 608.9.2?

From the IPC

608.9 Identification of nonpotable water systems. Where nonpotable water systems are installed, the piping conveying the nonpotable water shall be identified either by color marking, metal tags or tape in accordance with Sections 608.9.1 through 608.9.2.3.

Item 9 IPC Add standards to IPC for various plumbing fixture materials not currently covered.

1. Add CSA B45.8/IAPMO Z403 (Terrazzo, concrete, composite stone, and natural stone) for lavatories (419.1), showers (421.1), bathtubs (407.1), sinks (422.1).
2. Add CSA B45.12/IAPMO Z402 (aluminum and copper) for lavatories (419.1), showers (421.1), bathtubs (407.1), sinks (422.1).
3. Add CSA B45.11/IAPMO Z401 (Glass) for lavatories (419.1), and sinks (422.1)

Fred Added the following on 4APRIL2023:

Revise as follows:

407.1 Approval.

Bathtubs shall conform to ASME A112.19.1/CSA B45.2, ASME A112.19.2/CSA B45.1, ASME A112.19.3/CSA B45.4, ~~or~~ CSA B45.5/IAPMO Z124, CSA B45.8/IAPMO Z403 or CSA B45.12/IAPMO Z402.

419.1 Approval.

P Lavatories shall conform to ASME A112.19.1/CSA B45.2, ASME A112.19.2/CSA B45.1, ASME A112.19.3/CSA B45.4, ~~or~~ CSA B45.5/IAPMO Z124, CSA B45.8/IAPMO Z403, CSA B45.11/IAPMO Z401 or CSA B45.12/IAPMO Z402. Group wash fixtures shall conform to the requirements of Section 402. For determining the number of lavatories required by Table 403.1, every 20 inches (508 mm) of rim space of a group wash fixture shall be considered as one lavatory.

421.1 Approval.

P Prefabricated showers and shower compartments shall conform to ASME A112.19.1/CSA B45.2, ASME A112.19.2/CSA B45.1, ASME A112.19.3/CSA B45.4, ~~or~~ CSA B45.5/IAPMO Z124, CSA B45.8/IAPMO Z403 or CSA B45.12/IAPMO Z402. Shower valves for individual showers shall conform to the requirements of Section 412.3.

422.1 Approval.

Sinks shall conform to ASME A112.19.1/CSA B45.2, ASME A112.19.2/CSA B45.1, ASME A112.19.3/CSA B45.4, ~~or~~ CSA B45.5/IAPMO Z124, CSA B45.8/IAPMO Z403, CSA B45.11/IAPMO Z401 or CSA B45.12/IAPMO Z402.

Add standards:

CSA

CSA B45.8-18/IAPMO Z403-2018 Terrazzo, concrete, composite stone, and natural stone plumbing fixtures

CSA B45.11:17/IAPMO Z401-2017 Glass plumbing fixtures

CSA B45.12-13/IAPMO Z40202913 (R2018) Aluminum and copper plumbing fixtures

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Will decrease the cost of construction.

Substantiation: <WHY the above cost impact statement was chosen. Refer to Cost Impact Guide <https://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/IAC-cost-impact-guide.pdf> >

Copies of standards to be secured from CSA (Fred to do)

Does a Part II need generated for the IRC?

Item 9a IMC Roof hatch size not defined for hatches that don't have stairways Ref IBC 1011.12.2

California Code has some language related to access from a ladder. California 304.3.1.1 CMC 2021 access
Firefighter access dimension?

Hatch size for service only?

IBC section scoped by [M] with pointer in IMC?

Minimum size of hatch?

Hatch mfr standard sizes? Review some: 30 x 36? 16sq feet min with 2 feet min is OSHA

Tomberlin to take a stab at it.

From the IMC:

306.5 Equipment and appliances on roofs or elevated structures.

CDP

Where *equipment* requiring access or *appliances* are located on an elevated structure or the roof of a building such that personnel will have to climb higher than 16 feet (4877 mm) above grade to access such *equipment* or *appliances*, an interior or exterior means of access shall be provided. Such access shall not require climbing over obstructions greater than 30 inches (762 mm) in height or walking on roofs having a slope greater than 4 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (33-percent slope). Such access shall not require the use of portable ladders. Where access involves climbing over parapet walls, the height shall be measured to the top of the parapet wall.

Permanent ladders installed to provide the required access shall comply with the following minimum design criteria:

1. The side railing shall extend above the parapet or roof edge not less than 30 inches (762 mm).
2. Ladders shall have rung spacing not to exceed 14 inches (356 mm) on center. The uppermost rung shall be not greater than 24 inches (610 mm) below the upper edge of the roof hatch, roof or parapet, as applicable.
3. Ladders shall have a toe spacing not less than 6 inches (152 mm) deep.
4. There shall be not less than 18 inches (457 mm) between rails.
5. Rungs shall have a diameter not less than 0.75-inch (19.1 mm) and be capable of withstanding a 300-pound (136 kg) load.
6. Ladders over 30 feet (9144 mm) in height shall be provided with offset sections and landings capable of withstanding 100 pounds per square foot (488 kg/m²). Landing dimensions shall be not less than 18 inches (457 mm) and not less than the width of the ladder served. A guard rail shall be provided on all open sides of the landing.

7. Climbing clearance. The distance from the centerline of the rungs to the nearest permanent object on the climbing side of the ladder shall be not less than 30 inches (762 mm) measured perpendicular to the rungs. This distance shall be maintained from the point of ladder access to the bottom of the roof hatch. A minimum clear width of 15 inches (381 mm) shall be provided on both sides of the ladder measured from the midpoint of and parallel with the rungs except where cages or wells are installed.
8. Landing required. The ladder shall be provided with a clear and unobstructed bottom landing area having a minimum dimension of 30 inches (762 mm) by 30 inches (762 mm) centered in front of the ladder.
9. Ladders shall be protected against corrosion by *approved* means.
10. Access to ladders shall be provided at all times.

Catwalks installed to provide the required access shall be not less than 24 inches (610 mm) wide and shall have railings as required for service platforms.

Exception: This section shall not apply to Group R-3 *occupancies*.

From the IBC:

1011.12.2 Roof access. Where a *stairway* is provided to a roof, access to the roof shall be provided through a *penthouse* complying with [Section 1511.2](#).

Exception: In buildings without an occupied roof, access to the roof shall be permitted to be a roof hatch or trap door not less than 16 square feet (1.5 m²) in area and having a minimum dimension of 2 feet (610 mm).

Item 10 ISPSC Shallow water depth of 33 inches and sun shelves AND 4 foot depth max.

Gregory says PHTA is working on something – wait for them to create something.

From the ISPSC (residential permanent pools):

807.2 Shallow end water depths. The design water depth as measured at the shallowest point in the shallow area shall be not less than 33 inches (838 mm) and not greater than 4 feet (1219 mm). Shallow areas designed in accordance with Sections 809.6, 809.7 and 809.8 shall be exempt from the minimum depth requirement.

809.6 Beach and sloping entries.

The slope of beach and sloping entries used as a pool entrance shall not exceed 1 unit vertical in 7 units horizontal (14-percent slope).

809.7 Steps and sloping entries.

Where steps and benches are used in conjunction with sloping entries, the vertical riser distance shall not exceed 12 inches (305 mm). For steps used in conjunction with sloping entries, the requirements of [Section 809.6](#) shall apply.

809.8 Architectural features.

Surfaces of architectural features shall not be required to comply with the 1 unit vertical in 7 units horizontal (14-percent slope) slope limitation.

Item 11 NTSB fuel gas detection monitor. IFGC proposal from last cycle.

WG#2 of FCAC has some involvement.
Is it in the 2024 IFGC ? Fred to check

An IFGC proposal for fuel gas monitor was not found.

Further Staff investigation found the following information:

<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/Pages/PLD18FR002.aspx>

The recommendations made to ICC were:

To the International Code Council: • In coordination with the Gas Technology Institute and the National Fire Protection Association, incorporate provisions in the International Fuel Gas Code that requires methane detection systems for all types of residential occupancies with gas service. At a minimum, the provisions should cover the installation, maintenance, placement of the detectors, and testing requirements. (P-19-006)

Further information:

NFPA 715 Standard for the Installation of Fuel Gases Detection and Warning Equipment

Manufacturer: Roberts, Richard richard.roberts@systemsensor.com

Item 12 ISPSC Minimum horizontal distance of buried pools in relationship to nearby footings.

This would require a new section somewhere in Section 307 GENERAL DESIGN
PHTA might have a task group working on this.
Fred to pull language together.

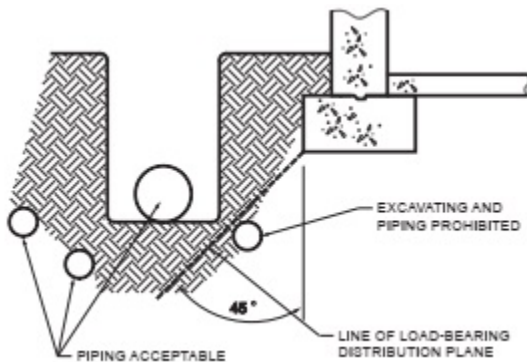
From the IPC Code

307.5 Protection of footings.

Trenching installed parallel to footings and walls shall not extend into the bearing plane of a footing or wall. The upper boundary of the bearing plane is a line that extends downward, at an angle of 45 degrees (0.79 rad) from horizontal, from the outside bottom edge of the footing or wall.

From the IPC Commentary:

“A footing requires a minimum load-bearing area to distribute the weight of the building. This load-bearing distribution plane extends downward at approximately a 45-degree (0.79 rad) angle from the base of the footing. Water, building drainage and building sewer piping must not be installed below this load-bearing plane. Excavation for the installation of pipe below the plane could affect the load capacity of the footing or cause the excavation to collapse (see Commentary [Figure 307.5](#)).”



**Commentary Figure 307.5
EXCAVATION IN RELATION TO FOOTING**

Item 13 IPC Use of standard material RPZ for resistance to carbonated water.

Involved are [Table 608.1](#)

Antisiphon type air valves for gravity water closets flush tanks	High hazard	Backsiphonage only	B125.12; CSA B125.3
Backflow preventer for carbonated beverage machines	Low hazard	Backpressure or backsiphonage Sizes $\frac{1}{4}$ "– $\frac{3}{8}$ "	ASSE 1022
Backflow preventer with intermediate check valve	Low hazard	Backpressure or backsiphonage Sizes $\frac{1}{2}$ "– $\frac{3}{4}$ "	ASSE 1022, CSA B125.3

and [Section 608.17.1.1](#)

608.17.1.1 Carbonated beverage dispensers.

The water supply connection to each carbonated beverage dispenser shall be protected against backflow by a backflow preventer conforming to ASSE 1022 or by an *air gap*. The portion of the backflow preventer device downstream from the second check valve of the device and the piping downstream therefrom shall not be affected by carbon dioxide gas.

From USC FCCCHR:

<https://fccchr.usc.edu/downloads/FRD%20Archives/PostMix.Carbonators.pdf>

Item 14 IPC Cleanup errors in Table E103.3(1)

The reported errors are:

1. Row E states "Static Head Loss 21 x 43 psi"

a. Following unit convention from the above rows, 21 should read as (21'). **AGREED**

b. The conversion from feet to psi is 0.43 psi. **AGREED**

2. The addition of cold water friction loss does not equal what is presented in row K

a. $2.21 + .38 + .38 + 3.08 = 6.05$. The table lists 5.93 as the total, which is correct, but not based off the table. The length of BC + equivalent fittings length is = 20 when it should be 15 (the sum of 8+7). **THIS IS NOT AN ACCURATE STATEMENT.**

FRED finds that the results of the table are correct although there are typos within the table that need fixed.

From the IPC:

TABLE E103.3(1)

RECOMMENDED TABULAR ARRANGEMENT FOR USE IN SOLVING PIPE SIZING PROBLEMS

COLU MN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Line	Description	Lb per square inch (psi)	Gal. per min throu gh sectio n	Len gh of secti on (feet)	Tri al pipe size (inch es)	Equival ent length of fittings and valves (feet)	Total equival ent length col. 4 and col. 6 (100 feet)	Fricti on loss per 100 feet of trial size	Frictio n loss in equival ent length col. 8 x col. 7 (psi)	Exces s press ure over frictio n losses (psi)

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		DE ^b	132	77.0	150	2½	12.00	1.62	1.9	3.08	—
K	Total pipe friction losses (cold)			—	—	—	—	—	—	5.93	—
L	Difference (Line J minus Line K)			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.43
	Pipe section (from diagram) Hot water distribution piping	A'B'	288	108.0	54	2½	12.00	0.69	3.3	2.21	—
		B'C'	24	38.0	8	2	7.5	0.16	1.4	0.22	—
		C'D'	12	28.6	13	1½	4.0	0.17	3.2	0.54	—
		C'F' ^b	12	28.6	150	1½	7.00	1.57	3.2	5.02	—
		D'E' ^b	12	28.6	150	1½	7.00	1.57	3.2	5.02	—
K	Total pipe friction losses (hot)			—	—	—	—	—	—	7.99	—
L	Difference (Line J minus Line K)			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.37

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 psi = 6.895 kPa, 1 gpm = 3.785 L/m.

1. a.To be considered as pressure gain for fixtures below main (to consider separately, omit from “I” and add to “J”).
2. b.To consider separately, in K use C-F only if greater loss than above.

Item 15 IPC fix Table 103.3(3) conversion errors

The reported error is the following:

IPC Table 103.3(3) and IRC Table AP103.3(3) (Wfsu to gpm and cfm tables) 3.0 gallons per minute does not equal 0.04104 cubic feet per minute. The decimal is off by a factor of 10. 3.0 GPM is equal to 0.40110 CFM

5.0 gallons per minute does not equal 0.0684 cubic feet per minute. The decimal is off by a factor of 10.
 3.0 GPM is equal to 0.6685 CFM

From the IPC:

**TABLE E103.3(3)
 TABLE FOR ESTIMATING DEMAND**

SUPPLY SYSTEMS PREDOMINANTLY FOR FLUSH TANKS			SUPPLY SYSTEMS PREDOMINANTLY FOR FLUSHOMETER VALVES		
Load	Demand		Load	Demand	
(Water supply fixture units)	(Gallons per minute)	(Cubic feet per minute)	(Water supply fixture units)	(Gallons per minute)	(Cubic feet per minute)
1	3.0	0.04104	—	—	—
2	5.0	0.0684			

Item 16 IPC Point of use hot water recirculation pumps for commercial buildings

This is what was relayed by Ron George in the meeting chat:

Remove Code language allowing HW recirc in CW piping for multi-tenant buildings. (Single Family-Owner occupied Residential only - Not public Rental Property)

Staff remark: Is Section 607.2.1.2 the section that is involved?

From the IPC:

607.2.1.2 Demand recirculation controls for distribution systems. A water distribution system having one or more recirculation pumps that pump water from a heated water supply pipe back to the heated water source **through a cold water supply pipe** shall be a demand recirculation water system. Pumps shall have controls that comply with both of the following:

1. The control shall start the pump upon receiving a signal from the action of a user of a fixture or appliance, sensing the presence of a user of a fixture, or sensing the flow of hot or *tempered water* to a fixture fitting or appliance.
2. The control shall limit the temperature of the water entering the cold water piping to 104°F (40°C).

Item 17 IPC Absence of prohibition of using a water heater thermostat for final temperature control.

This is what was relayed by Ron George in the meeting chat:

Correct a past code change that removed prohibition of the water heater thermostat as the final control for purposes of preventing scalding at fixtures. The addition of ASSE listed heaters caused proponent to strike prohibitions of using the WH thermostat for meeting the scald provisions at the fixture. During the prior code cycles (2) cycles ago, A code change proposal was presented to allow ASSE 1082, 1084 WHs as an exception in the code. Add restriction on WH thermostat being used to control temperature at fixtures. Add Exception for ASSE 1084 WHs only!

1. ASSE 1084 are point -of Use HWs intended for temperature limiting only, not temperature control.
2. ASSE 1082 are whole house WHs and cannot control temps at individual fixtures in large systems with temp drops across the system.
3. ASSE 1085 WHs are intended for limiting HW temps to 95 F at emergency fixtures only and not intended for use on a HW Distribution System.

Staff remark: Section 607.1.1 is involved with this topic.

From IPC:

607.1.1 Temperature limiting means. A thermostat control for a water heater shall only serve as the temperature limiting means for the purposes of complying with the requirements of this code for maximum allowable *hot or tempered water* delivery temperature at fixtures where the water heater complies with ASSE 1082 or ASSE 1085.

Item 18 IMC A pointer is needed for piping of Bulk CO2 piping for over 100 lb.

Need more information about where pointer should be and where it should be pointing to.

Item 19 IPC Section 403.1.1, Exception 2. The language states that when using multiple-user facilities, the fixture count shall be calculated on 100% occupancy but fails to mention that the total number of fixtures, in the table 403.1, shall be added together for both sexes identified in the chart headings.

From the IPC:

403.1.1 Fixture calculations. To determine the occupant load of each sex, the total occupant load shall be divided in half. To determine the required number of fixtures, the fixture ratio or ratios for each fixture type shall be applied to the occupant load of each sex in accordance with Table 403.1. Fractional numbers resulting from applying the fixture ratios of Table 403.1 shall be rounded up to the next whole number. For calculations involving multiple *occupancies*, such fractional numbers for each *occupancy* shall first be summed and then rounded up to the next whole number.

Exceptions:

1. The total occupant load shall not be required to be divided in half where *approved* statistical data indicate a distribution of the sexes of other than 50 percent of each sex.
2. Where multiple-user facilities are designed to serve all genders, the minimum fixture count shall be calculated 100 percent, based on total occupant load. In such multiple-user facilities, each fixture type shall be in accordance with ICC A117.1 and each urinal that is provided shall be located in a stall.
3. Distribution of the sexes is not required where single-user water closets and bathing room fixtures are provided in accordance with Section 403.1.2.

Item 20 IMC Section 402 needs revised based upon how ASHRAE 62.1-2022 deals with natural ventilation.

[Read-Only Versions of ASHRAE Standards](#) Section 6.4

IMC Section 402 is scoped (controlled by) IBC Section 1202.5 which is BCAC territory.