

Code Committee Update – January 2024

New Topic(s): Nothing to report.

On Going Topics – updates in Bold:

- WI Plumbing Code: New Plumbing Code in effect. The updates to Wisconsin 2009 Plumbing Code took effect on October 1. For a presentation of the changes, see December 2023 update. In summary, the new code addresses Healthcare Definitions, Water Quality, Water Management Plans and applies to new construction and renovations. Not retroactive. Thanks to Tony Ramos, Day School Instructor PROFESSIONAL PLUMBERS UNION LOCAL 75 for this update.
- Wisconsin Commercial Building Code ICC Updates:

Wisconsin State Legislature Joint Committee's in the Senate and Assembly reviewed and objected to the DSPS proposal to adopt the 2021 IBC on September 29, 2023. The State of Wisconsin will continue to use the 2015 IBC at this time. Details available at:

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/all/cr_23_007

- DHS Update Preliminary Project Meetings (PPM): Department continues to promote PPM's. Emphasis is to review the project scope, schedule, and unique design features.
- **OPRI/Health Care Built Environment Meeting – 12/19/2023.**
 - **Several highlights from the meeting:**
 - **Plan Reviews**
 - **Plan Review average 22-25 days**
 - **New efforts to streamline process.**
 - **Transfer DHS 75 (COMMUNITY SUBSTANCE USE SERVICE STANDARDS) plan review to DHS**
 - **Increasing Fire incidents in the State**
 - **Sprinkler pipes bursting – water not drained.**
 - **Smoking and O2 use w/o Staff supervision.**
 - **Equipment fires (O2 concentrators)**
 - **Cell Phone charging fires**
- FGI
 - 2022 editions: No adoption updates yet
 - 2026 editions: Work starting in December 2022
- CMS Update: Validation surveys of accrediting organization surveys will begin effective October 1, 2023. CMS will be engaging national contract surveyors to be present during an AO accreditation survey to directly observe and evaluate the survey compliance process. Additional details and information available via CMS federal memo 23-14-NLTC at: [Resuming Validation of Accrediting Organization Surveys \(cms.gov\)](#)
- NFPA 101 and 99 – 2024 Editions. Final editions are published. No updates on AHJ (CMS, DHS or AO) adoption.

AO Survey Information. Thanks to Stephanie Angst, Skip Kraiss, and Matt Malmin, we have collected a ton of info on recent surveys from CMS, DNV, TJC, etc. Look for that info soon on WHEA.com