

Code Committee Update – February 2023

New Topic(s):

- **Codes and Standards:** See update below re: **DHS staff and the 1135 Waivers.**

On Going Topics – updates in Bold:

- WI Plumbing Code: DSPS currently revising Plumbing code, but in somewhat of a holding pattern. There are only two non-healthcare items on the agenda. In the future there will be a red line copy of the code. Stay tuned for future Public Comment and Hearing...we encourage anyone interested to participate in the review period.
- IBC Updates: IBC/ICC/IMC (International Building Code, International Code Council, International Mechanical Code) will be updated to 2021 Edition. DSPS edits complete and are being reviewed. Public comment period upcoming. Note: It's expected the 2017 version of ASHRAE 170 will be adopted as part of this process. We are currently on the 2013 version of 170. Have knowledge and Interest in the ICC? Please consider joining the Code Committee
- DHS Update
 - **DHS Secretary:** **Former Milwaukee health commissioner Kirsten Johnson has been named Wisconsin DHS Secretary. She will assume the post on Feb. 27, 2023.** Karen Timberlake retired effective December 31, 2022 after serving for two years in a designee role.
 - Preliminary Project Meetings (PPM): Department continues to promote PPM's. Emphasis is to review the project scope, schedule, and unique design features.
- FGI
 - 2022 editions: No info on adoption e.g., CMS or AO's.
 - 2026 editions: Work starting in December 2022
- CMS 1135 Waiver: **The federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will end on May 11, 2023. What does this mean for healthcare facilities? The Code Committee will be evaluating further direction from CMS once it is available.** Facilities need to plan how they will convert permanently or close their Interim Provisions to meet Physical Environment (WI Commercial Building Code, Life Safety code, and DHS 124 / DHS 132, etc.).
- NFPA 101 and 99 – 2024 Editions. Technical Meeting - Las Vegas Jun 18-23, 2023,
- 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