

Code Committee Update – September 2023

Welcome back after the summer break.

New Topic(s):

Codes and Standards: No new topics to report.

On Going Topics – updates in Bold:

- WI Plumbing Code: DSPS is currently revising Plumbing code. Public Comment and Hearing was held March 27, 2023. DSPS is currently processing feedback. We encourage anyone interested in plumbing to participate on the Code Committee.
- Wisconsin Commercial Building Code ICC Updates:
Department completed their internal review of the ICC 2021 editions. DSPS submitted Proposed Rules to the Legislature - details available at CR 23-007
https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/all/cr_23_007
DHS is proposing to follow ASHRAE 170 - 2017 Edition, and no longer reference the FGI.
- DHS Update
 - 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 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. Technical Meeting - Las Vegas NV June 18-23, 2023.**

2023 NFPA Annual Conference and Technical meeting resulted in successful participation by ten (10) WHEA members (list below). The NFPA healthcare committee chair and vice-chair personally acknowledged and thanked our WHEA contingent for our participation. Content wise, the future 2024 editions of NFPA 101 and NFPA 99 were debated and successfully passed for NFPA final publication. CMS now has increased motivations (pressure) to move forward from the outdated 2012 edition to the more relevant 2024 editions. Note the federal evaluation, comment period, and formal adoption date has historically been a 3-year process. Thank you to the following WHEA members for professionally representing Wisconsin:
Full Members:
Rick Helfrich – SSM Health
Jim Benedict – Milwaukee Catholic Home
Matt Malmin – Mayo Clinic Health System
John McGinnis – ProHealth Care, Inc.
Lou Moseler – Froedtert Health
Ryan Lehn – Froedtert Health

Associate:

Dave Soens – DHS

David J. Kimball - Wendel

Matt Baumann - Cornerstone

Bailey Freeman - Sherrer Construction

- 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