

## Code Committee Update – November 2023

### **New Topic(s): No new code or standard updates.**

DHS is hosting their annual FOCUS conference November 15-16, 2023, in the Wisconsin Dells. See link below for more info.

[FOCUS 2023 Conference | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

### **On Going Topics – updates in Bold:**

- WI Plumbing Code: New Plumbing Code in effect. The updates to Wisconsin plumbing code since 2009 will take effect on October 1. The Code Committee is working on a summary of changes...stay tuned for those.
- 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](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.
- 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. Conference and Technical Meeting - June 18-23, 2023.  
  
2023 NFPA Annual Conference and Technical meeting resulted in successful participation by ten (10) WHEA members. 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 CMS now has increased motivations (pressure) to move forward from the outdated 2012 edition to the more relevant 2024 editions.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.
- 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