

Code Committee Update – December 2022

New Topic(s):

- **Codes and Standards:** Good news. Only thing to report Code wise for State or Federal codes and standards is CMS requiring a Water Management program – see below.
- **Stay tuned on the new FGI 2022 Edition adoption by Accrediting Organizations.** That could come in early 2023.
- **Water Management.** CMS requires water management programs for hospitals and nursing homes. Federal surveyors will be relying upon the CDC Toolkit available at: [Legionella: Developing a Water Management Program | CDC](#)

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**
 - **Preliminary Project Meetings (PPM):** Department continues to promote PPM's. Emphasis is to review the project scope, schedule, and unique design features. During the Preliminary Project Meeting is an excellent time to discuss the level and extent of inspections. Inspections are not required by state statute nor administrative code.
 - **Surveys.** Starting to resume in Assisted Living and Long-Term Care and many deficiencies are being noted. Likely due to the lack of surveying over the last several years. When Hospital surveys will resume is still TBD based on current staffing.
 - **DSPS/DHS MOU** (Memo of Understanding). MOU has been updated. It further clarifies that DHS is the Building AHJ for Healthcare and DSPS is the AHJ for Plumbing.
 - **DHS 75 – AODA.** Rewritten and effective October 2022.
- **FGI**
 - **2022 editions:** The soonest TJC would adopt might be 1/01/23. No other info on adoption e.g., CMS or other AO's.
 - **2026 editions:** Work starting in December 2022
- **CMS 1135 Waiver:** Predicated upon a State of Emergency - federal AND state. Facilities need to plan now if, 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.). Federal emergency and expected to end for hospitals in January 2023.
- **NFPA 101 and 99 – 2024 Editions.** Technical Meeting - Las Vegas Jun 18-21, 2023, and we need WHEA representation. If interested contact Jeff Eckstein or Dave Soens

- 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