

## Code Committee Update – January 2023

### New Topic(s):

- **Codes and Standards: Good news – nothing to report Code wise for State or Federal codes and standards**

### 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: 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. 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.
- 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,
- 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