

US Consumer Product Safety Commission Log of Meeting

Subject: Building Codes – Meeting with CPSC staff and International Code Council (ICC) staff

Date: January 12, 2022

Location: Teleconference

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CPSC Attendees: Scott Ayers, Susan Bathalon, Janet Buyer, Adam Howie, Jonathan Kent, Andrew Newens, Chen Su, Daniel Taxier, Doug Lee, Einstein Miller, Greg Ota, Han Lim, Hope Nesteruk, Jacqueline Campbell, Lisa Scott, Mark Kumagai, Matt Brookman, Rik Khanna, Vineed Dayal, Yeon Kim, Zachary Goldstein, Andrew Lock, Mike Nelson, and Huy Le

Non-CPSC Attendees:

- ICC staff: Gabe Maser, Beth Tubbs, Karl Fippinger, Ron Piester, Rich Anderson, and Justin Wiley
- International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) staff: Hugo Aguilar

Summary of Meeting:

CPSC staff met with ICC staff to discuss CPSC staff participating in ICC building codes.

ICC staff provided an overview of their code development process. Highlights included ways CPSC staff could get involved including working on committees, voting, proposing code changes, provided public comments to proposed changes, and testifying at committee hearings. There are two types of committees that CPSC staff could participate on, Code Action Committees which work on specific issues and Code Development Committees which decide final text of the next code editions. Each committee type has a three-year appointment, with applications due at the beginning of each code cycle. There are several opportunities for CPSC staff to get involved this fiscal year including testifying at the Code Development Committee hearings later this spring in Rochester, NY.

ICC staff provided briefs examples of past issues where CPSC staff could have added value to the code process including recent CO detection, city scooter charging stations, and flammable refrigerant changes.

Scott Ayers provided brief examples of recent issues where CPSC staff participation on codes could have helped with consumer issues including residential elevators and portable generators. Scott Ayers also listed several ICC codes that CPSC staff may be interested in participating on including, the International Residential Code (IRC), the International Fire Code (IFC), the International Mechanical Code (IMC), the International Fuel and Gas Code (IFGC), and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSA).

ICC staff pointed out that the ICC was ANSI accredited, but the code development process does not follow the ANSI process. The ICC code process does meet the requirements of OMB

Circular A-119, does meet the spirit of the ANSI Essential Requirements, is done in an open process, and does provide sufficient notice of meetings.

ICC staff will send Scott Ayers further details on

- Code Action Committees CPSC staff may be interested in participating on during the next code cycle
- The ICC Membership council
- The Rochester, NY Code Development hearings and dates to submit public comments.