

## ICC [Government Relations](#) Chapter Monthly Update – April 2019

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**Building Safety Month** is your chance to showcase the role of code officials in your community. It's just one month away and momentum is building for the 2019 Building Safety Month and its theme: **"No Code, No Confidence."** The Code Council has many Building Safety Month promotional and educational items you can use to promote building safety in your community and the valuable role code professionals perform every day. These materials are at [www.buildingsafetymonth.org](http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org). Many items are available for download completely free on the ICC [online store](#). Here are a few ideas:

- **Issue proclamations** [supporting building safety](#). Have your Mayor sign one and your local Chamber of Commerce. And don't forget to send in the .pdf of the signed proclamation!
- **Plan an event** to celebrate building safety in your community.
- **Make school classroom presentations** with materials from the ICC store to hand out.
- **Send a news release** to your local newspaper, radio station and television networks.
- **Post on your social media pages** using the hashtag [#BuildingSafety365](#).

ICC Chapters play an important part in this annual campaign. Be sure to send in any photos, news items or information about the Building Safety Month events you sponsor. We want to feature your efforts in our news outlets! If you have questions or need help accessing any of the Building Safety Month resources, call our ICC Call Center 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233) and press 0, or email [chapters@iccsafe.org](mailto:chapters@iccsafe.org). Here are the weekly themes for 2019 Building Safety Month:

- **Week 1** – (May 1- May 5): **Preparing for disasters: Build strong, build smart**
- **Week 2** – (May 6- May 12): **Ensuring a safer future through training and education**
- **Week 3** – (May 13- May 19): **Securing clean, abundant water for all communities**
- **Week 4** – (May 20- May 26): **Construction professionals and homeowners: Partners in safety**
- **Week 5** – (May 27- May 31): **Innovations in building safety**

### ICC Board, Membership Councils, Major Jurisdiction and PMG meetings slated for Albuquerque

Experience ICC's Code Development Process in action April 28 to May 8 at Albuquerque and online. You can provide your input on the latest proposed code changes to the 2021 Group B International Codes®. [Check out the Committee Action Hearings schedule here](#). If you're planning to attend, don't wait about registering (it's free!) and making your flight and hotel arrangements. [Register now](#) to participate. Your participation in the Committee Action Hearings ensures the I-Codes are the best model codes for our communities, but you can also [check in with other activities](#) in Albuquerque April 27 and 28:

- ICC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27.
- A special [PMG roundtable discussion titled Mitigating Water Leaks in Premise Plumbing Systems](#) 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in the convention center.
- ICC Membership Councils Governing Committees meetings Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, April 27-28, in their assigned rooms.
- Major Jurisdiction Committee meeting 8-11 a.m. Sunday, April 28.

Reduced room rates are scheduled to end April 8. [Click here for lodging](#) information and scroll down.

Code Council's popular **Chapter Leadership Academy** set for June 4-5 at the Crowne Plaza Denver [Room block reservations](#) are now available at [Crowne Plaza Denver](#), in the downtown Denver area, for the popular ICC Chapter Leadership Academy June 4-5. Those arriving through the [Denver International Airport](#) are advised that they can take [the A Line commuter train](#) from the airport to downtown Denver. The Leadership Academy provides training and insights for ICC Chapter leaders and future Chapter officers. [Program titles for this year's event](#) include:

- **Chapter Leader Virtual Roundtable: Next Generation.**
- **Best Practices: Implementing the HSTTP Program, followed by a Q&A session on HSTTP experiences.**
- **Creating a Building Safety Career Path.**
- **Best Practices: Leadership Training.**
- **How to Get Ahead When You Can't Get Away.**
- **Roundtable: Chapter Management.**

If you and other Chapter members want to attend, [you can RSVP by clicking here](#).

### **Carvin DiGiovanni puts passion for pool and spa safety to work supporting the ICC Government Relations Department, ICC-ES and business development as a consultant**

Communities and households are turning the focus to spring and summer, and for many that includes plans to install a private or public swimming pool or spa. The Code Council has been on top of making sure the construction of pools and spas are done with safety and proper performance in mind since the publication of the 2009 **International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC)**. Ten years later, 20 states have adopted the ISPSC, 10 of which as the mandatory pool and spa code and the other 10 as an alternative code for state compliance. DiGiovanni's role is to work with ICC Government Relations Regional Managers as well as state and local jurisdictions interested in adopting the model swimming pool and spa code. "From my work, I know that pool and spa contractors are looking for insight and leadership. My work is to bring them together with the vision and mission of the Code Council and the ISPSC," DiGiovanni said. "There are [171 local jurisdictions that have adopted the ISPSC](#) with more on the way." DiGiovanni said he is eager to answer questions from state and community code officials. His direct line phone number is 703-909-6994, and his email address is [cdigiovanni@iccsafe.org](mailto:cdigiovanni@iccsafe.org).

### **CPSC awarding up to \$2 million grants to help state, local governments avoid pool and spa hazards**

A grant application period runs through Wednesday, June 5, to assist state and local governments in reducing deaths and injuries from drowning and drain entrapment incidents in pools and spas. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced a call for applicants for the 2019 [Pool Safety Grant Program](#) made possible through the [Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act](#). The CPSC will award up to \$2 million in two-year grants to state and local jurisdictions. Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the solicitation on Grants.gov, under grant opportunity CPSC-19-001. For more information, read the full [grant announcement](#). Questions can be answered by emailing CPSC's grant coordinator Mae Durand at [mdurand@cpsc.gov](mailto:mdurand@cpsc.gov).

### **April 15 is deadline to submit application for new Off-Site/Modular Construction Standard committee**

The International Code Council has issued a [Call for Committee](#) and is accepting applications until April 15 for the [ICC Off-Site and Modular Construction Standard Consensus Committee](#). Once appointed, this committee will convene to develop two new ICC Standards; ICC 1200 -202X Standard for Off-Site Construction: Planning, Design, Fabrication and Assembly, and ICC 1205 – 202X Standard for Off-Site Construction: Inspection and Regulatory Compliance. The committee will be appointed by the ICC Board of Directors. [Click here to use the committee application link](#) when submitting an application for one or more of the referenced committees. Be sure to use the Committee acronym noted with the call for committee when filling out the application. [Click to read more on off-site projects and codes](#).

### **May 28-30 are the dates for the 2019 National Energy Codes Conference at Hilton Denver City Center**

The U.S. Department of Energy's [2019 National Energy Codes Conference](#) is scheduled for May 28-30 in Denver, Colo. Energy Codes 2019 presents a valuable opportunity to learn about all things energy and is applicable to building officials, designers, builders, policymakers and anyone working in the field. Again this year, the International Code Council is excited to support the conference, which will include a collection of engaging workshops, educational sessions and the latest updates affecting states and localities across the nation. [Register today](#). Conference training workshops begin on May 28 with core Conference programming on May 29 and 30. A limited number of scholarships are available. Priority is given to new attendees, and the scholarships aim to increase geographic diversity in attendees. To be considered for a scholarship, please [submit your request](#).

### **New FEMA rule changes the way disaster factors are assessed and judged for federal relief to states**

Gabriel Maser, ICC's Vice President of Federal Relations, penned a review in an upcoming Building Safety Journal on recent changes that clarify the factors FEMA will use to determine whether to recommend individual assistance awards in response to a major disaster declaration. "Specifically, the rule revises the factors considered from concentration of damages, trauma, special populations, voluntary agency assistance, insurance, and average amount of individual assistance by state to state fiscal capability and resource availability, uninsured home and personal property losses, disaster-impacted population

profile, impact to community infrastructure, casualties, and disaster-related unemployment,” Maser reports. “The rule clarifies that no single data point or factor will be determinative of FEMA’s recommendation and that the final factors do not limit the president’s discretion.” [Click here to see the final draft of the rule.](#)

### **Newly released ISO report provides insights how building codes can help prevent losses from disasters**

You can download a copy of the [National Building Code Assessment Report for 2019 here](#) to review the latest information from the ISO report that examines the code enforcement efforts of more than 25,000 building departments in the United States and offers key insights into how building codes can help prevent losses from disasters. The report was developed by the ISO (a Verisk [Nasdaq:VRSK] business) and its Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS®) team, which assesses building codes in effect and grades communities on both code adoption and enforcement. The report also features analyses of natural hazards and catastrophes in each state and diverse perspectives on catastrophe mitigation. "We have seen heightened incidents of natural disasters during the past few years that have put the nation’s building codes to the test," said Robert Andrews, vice president and chief field operations officer, ISO Community Hazard Mitigation. "Hurricanes, flood, and wildfire have caused billions of dollars in losses across multiple states. Our new report provides valuable insights about building codes throughout the country and how well they are enforced, which is vital information for communities, municipalities, and insurers."

### **The Rodgers Fellowship established to help building safety professionals further leadership skills**

To commemorate Emory R. Rodgers' influence as a mentor and honor his commitment to the codes profession, the International Code Council created the [Emory R. Rodgers Leadership in Building Safety Fellowship](#) to enable Code Council members to advance their leadership skills by attending a nationally recognized executive development program. The fellowship is available annually to a building safety professional who has embarked upon a demonstrated executive-level career path and wants to further develop leadership skills through an eligible executive development program. The fellowship will afford up to \$20,000 to cover the full cost of the educational program and the award recipient's travel to and from the program. Completed [application materials](#) must be received June 30, 2019. [For more](#), contact Member Services Vice President [Karla Price Higgs](#).

### **New school repairs bill requires using latest model building codes and energy conservation codes**

The U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor passed the Rebuild America’s Schools Act (RASA) of 2019 (H.R. 865) on Feb. 26, 2019, which creates a \$70 billion grant program and \$30 billion tax credit bond program targeted to help address significant health and safety challenges in public schools. The bill requires that repairs, renovations and new construction adhere to the latest model building codes and energy conservation codes, as well as [WaterSense](#) performance criteria within national model codes. Through these measures, the bill ensures that the federal government’s considerable investment into public schools leverages best practices in hazard mitigation, energy conservation and water efficiency. An American Society of Civil Engineers report found that more than half (53 percent) of public schools require repairs, renovations and modernizations to be considered in good condition. [Click here for more.](#)

### **ICC and CSA Group publish new rainwater harvesting standard for use in United States and Canada**

The International Code Council and CSA Group published the [CSA B805/ICC 805 Rainwater Harvesting System](#) standard for use in the United States and Canada. This new standard addresses the design, materials, installation and operation of residential and commercial rainwater harvesting systems for potable and non-potable water uses. Approved by both the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC), this standard was developed by an 18-person technical committee made up of an equal number of U.S. and Canadian representatives. Modern rainwater systems can supply water for many uses in and around a building. The CSA B805/ICC 805 standard is closely coordinated with the existing building, plumbing, and health codes and links rainwater harvesting systems with building elements like roofing, plumbing, fire suppression, cooling towers, storm water management and irrigation. The standard also provides tools to establish appropriate water quality based on the cleanliness of the source water and categories of end use. [Click here to read more.](#)

**GOT PULSE?** New episode features the American Society of Interior Designers CEO Randy Fiser. Episode 14 of ICC's Pulse podcast, titled "Interior Design and the Codes," features American Society of Interior Designers CEO [Randy Fiser](#). Fiser leads the Society's 25,000+ members from commercial and residential sectors across North America to advance the profession and communicate the transformative power of design on people's lives. You can still hear Episode 13 with Code Council Vice President of Global Services [Judy Zakreski](#) and ASTM International President [Kathie Morgan](#) for a conversation about global standards, plus all the other podcasts issued on the Pulse. [Click here](#) to listen.

**Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.**

Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **April 4** – [Special Inspections](#) (S. K. Ghosh Associates).
- **April 9** - [Masonry Lintel Design and Detailing](#) (S. K. Ghosh Associates).
- **April 11** - Code Enforcement Webinar series [Drug Awareness for the Code Enforcement Officer](#).
- **April 11** - [Design Load Combinations of the 2015 and 2018 IBC®](#) (S. K. Ghosh Associates).
- **April 16** - [Post-Tensioned Concrete Design for Podium Structures](#) (S. K. Ghosh Associates).
- **April 18** - [Seismic Design Special Concentrically Braced Frames](#) (S. K. Ghosh Associates).
- **April 24** - [Frequently Misunderstood Foundation Design Provisions](#) (S. K. Ghosh Associates).
- **April 30** - [Quality Assurance and Special Inspection Requirements for Masonry](#) (S.K. Ghosh).
- **May 7** - Code Enforcement Webinar series [Gang Awareness for the Code Enforcement Officer](#).

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation, many of which offer virtual options for those who cannot travel. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **April 4** at Denver, Colo., [Marijuana & the Building Code](#).
- **April 9-10** at Memphis, Tenn., [2018 IRC® Performing Residential Building Inspections](#).
- **April 10** at Chicago, Ill., [2018 IFC® and IBC® Hazardous Materials Provisions](#).
- **April 12** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- **April 15-16** at Sacramento, Calif., [Permit Tech Institute](#).
- **April 17** at Atlanta, Ga., [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **April 17** at Atlanta, Ga., [2018 IBC® Fire & Smoke Protection Features](#).
- **April 19** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [Significant Changes to the A117.1 2017 Edition](#).
- **April 22** at Seattle, Wash., [Building Department Accreditation #101 Using AC251](#).
- **April 23** in Seattle, Wash., [Fire Prevention Department Accreditation #101 Using AC426](#).
- **April 24** at Atlanta, Ga., [2018 IBC® and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **April 24** at Atlanta, Ga., [2018 IBC® Fire & Smoke Protection Features](#).
- **April 29** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [2018 IRC® Performing Residential Mechanical Inspections](#).
- **May 7** at Miami, Fla., [2018 IPC Design Installation and Inspection Principles](#).
- **May 7** at Miami, Fla., [2018 IPMC Overview](#).
- **June 11** at Chicago, Ill., [2018 IBC® Significant Changes](#).

Certification Test Academies feature interactive and question-based review for the exam. Students will receive a voucher to take the exam at a later date. Upcoming opportunities:

- Available daily online, [2015 Permit Technician 14 Study Guide](#).
- Available daily online, [IRC® Online Study Guide for Residential Building Inspectors B1](#)
- April 30-May 3 in Austin, Texas, [B1 Residential Building Inspector Certification Test Academy](#)
- May 6-8 at Sacramento, Calif., and online, [14 - Permit Technician Certification Test Academy 2015](#).
- June 12-14 at Denver, Colo., [P1 Residential Plumbing Inspector Certification Test Academy](#).