

Interested Parties:

The South Carolina Building Codes Council addressed three issues this morning that will have an impact on enforcement of the 2006 International Residential and Energy Conservation Codes, which will be implemented tomorrow, July 1, 2009.

1. Seismic – The moratorium placed on enforcement of the Do seismic design requirements (IRC 2006 04) was extended until the August 26, 2009 BCC meeting. The moratorium, which was due to expire tomorrow, was continued to allow time for ISO to respond in writing to any potential effects the adoption of the Citadel seismic map may have on BCEGS ratings for local jurisdictions.
2. Duct insulation – A moratorium was placed on the mandatory use of R8 duct insulation until January 1, 2010. The moratorium is to allow suppliers and installers the time to deplete their stock of R6 duct insulation.
3. Solar heat gain coefficient - A moratorium was placed on the mandatory use of the SHGC until January 1, 2010. The moratorium is to allow suppliers and installers the time to deplete their stock of clear glass windows.