



Northeast Regional Building Energy Codes Project

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Northeast Energy Efficiency
Partnerships

Represented Region at ICC

- Orlando, June, 2006
 - Commented on seven specific proposed amendments
- Rochester, May, 2007
 - Filed “protective comments” on five proposals and commented as needed
 - Tracked impact of amendments on the Northeast
- 2008 cycle:
 - Filed comments on swimming pools and
 - Working with national groups to add “above code” options and possible Informative Appendix

Public Policy Work

- New Jersey:
 - supporting NJPIRG and NJ BPU to support a bill allowing DCA to write codes based on ENERGY STAR
- Massachusetts:
 - Joined with NEEP Public Policy to brief new administration on Code Policy: adoption cycle, process and inspection
 - Commented on H3313
 - Testified in front of new Climate Change and Global Warming Committee on importance of building energy codes

Technical Comments on Code Updates

- Reviewed and commented on wording, tables, exclusions, and made suggestions during code update process in:
 - New York
 - Massachusetts
 - Rhode Island
 - New Jersey
 - Maine
- Tracked update process in NH, VT, DC

Code Implementation: Official Training

- Regional Training:
 - Eastern States Building Officials
 - Northeast Building Code Officials
- Code Official Mentoring Pilot (MA,RI)



Code Compliance: Builder and Design Pro Training

- Builder Training in Maryland, Connecticut, New Hampshire
- Engaged in planning fall training as state updates go into effect

Looking Ahead

- Developing Progressive Energy Code policy templates
 - three year cycle
 - stronger compliance
 - Informative Appendix – 30% above
- Adding “green” to codes
- Building strong training and compliance

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