

ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT FORM
FOR PROPOSED CODE CHANGES
(This form must be submitted electronically)

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Proposed Code Change - Language

DEFINITIONS

VENT PIPE. A vent pipe is a minimum 3-inch diameter (76 mm) ABS or PVC pipe extending from the gas permeable layer through the soil-gas-retarder, the conditioned space of the dwelling, and the attic and terminating at least 12 inches (305 mm) above the roof in a location at least 10 feet (3,048 mm) away from any window or other opening into the conditioned spaces of the dwelling that is less than 2 feet (610 mm) below the exhaust point.

Proposed Code Change – Need and Reason

Perhaps the most important and integral part of a radon reduction system is the vent pipe. This term should be defined. Having a definition also eliminates the need to have explanatory language attached each time the term is used throughout the section. This proposed definition is gleaned from text already in the section. It is necessary to have this definition so that there is one consistent understanding of the term throughout the rule and to eliminate the need to continually repeat explanatory language.

The text of the definition is necessary to define exactly what a vent pipe is, what it is made of, what size it is, where it exists, what it passes through, where it should be located, and where it should terminate. All of this information is necessary to understand what a vent is, how it should be installed, and how the rule should be enforced.

This proposal is reasonable because it provides direction to the user of the rule based on text in the existing rule and poses no unnecessary confusion.

Proposed Code Change – Cost/Benefit Analysis

This proposal will have no impact on the cost of construction.

Other Factors to Consider Related to Proposed Code Change

1. Is this proposed code change meant to:

change language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).

change language contained in an existing amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, list Rule part(s).

delete language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).

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neither; this language will be new language, not found in the code book or in Minnesota Rule.

Radon rules, definitions

2. Is this proposed code change required by a Minnesota Statute or new legislation? If so, please provide the citation to the Statute or legislation.

No

3. Will this proposed code change impact other sections of a published code book or of an amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, please list the affected sections or rule parts.

No

4. Will this proposed code change impact other parts of the Minnesota State Building Code? If so, please list the affected parts of the Minnesota State Building Code.

No

5. Who are the parties affected or segments of industry affected by this proposed code change?

Code officials, building designers, contractors, building owners

6. Can you think of other means or methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed code change? If so, please explain what they are and why your proposed change is the preferred method or means to achieve the desired result.

No

7. Are you aware of any federal requirement or regulation related to this proposed code change? If so, please list the regulation or requirement.

No