

ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT FORM FOR PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

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Code Change Proposal IECC RE-1A

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Proposed Code Change - Language

R101.4.3 Additions, alterations, renovations or repairs.

Amend by adding a sentence to DLI's proposed Residential Provisions (page 3) at the end of the paragraph and before the exception to read:

Attic insulation ~~may~~ shall not be installed unless accessible attic bypasses have been sealed. An attic bypasses is any air passageway between a conditioned space and an unconditioned attic.

Proposed Code Change – Need and Reason

This proposal simply moves the requirement of current Minnesota Rule Part 1322.1102 into the new IECC code. A definition is needed to assure uniform enforcement.

Proposed Code Change – Cost/Benefit Analysis

The cost/benefit of this provision has already been proven as reasonable by its previous adoption into Minnesota rule. The practice of sealing accessible attic bypasses prior to adding additional insulation is highly cost effective as proven by Weatherizing 18,000 homes in Minnesota in the past 2 years.

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).

Actually preserving language that is in current Minnesota Rule §1322.1102.

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

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.
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?
None – an existing requirement is maintained.
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.