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To: Code Officials, Design Professionals and Other Interested Parties

Subject: 2009 International Code Adoptions

The 2009 editions of the International Residential Code (IRC), International Building Code (IBC), and International Fire Code (IFC) will be published soon and the Construction Codes and Licensing Division and the State Fire Marshal Division have been discussing this adoption. Given the drastic slowdown of the construction economy, we feel it is not the appropriate time to be updating regulations. The economic based factors include:

- The availability of volunteers for technical advisory committees, given cut backs in code jurisdictions, among design professionals and product suppliers.
- The staff time involved by our state agencies for both the committee work and the rules process under the Administrative Procedures Act.
- The cost of code books and reference materials for townships, cities, counties, state agency offices, design professionals and other industry members.
- The cost of training for builders, designers, code officials and other industry members and the focus of the training on changes rather than other critical concepts.

Based on the above criteria, we will not be moving forward with the adoption of the 2009 IRC, IBC or IFC and will strive to have our advisory committees and the state fire chief's code committee ready to review the 2012 editions of these codes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve P. Hernick".

Steve Hernick
State Building Official

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Rosendahl".

Jerry Rosendahl
State Fire Marshal