



CCLD REVIEW

CONSTRUCTION CODES AND LICENSING DIVISION

FALL 2010

Flooding response

DLI, others help assess state flood damage

Staff from DLI's Construction Codes and Licensing Division, along with other municipal and state officials, assisted with recent flooding in southern and southeastern Minnesota.

View images from the flood areas

Click the image below to view a slide show on DLI's website

CCLD staff Mike Fricke, Chris Meier and Doug Nord assisted Jay Krueger, Wabasha County Building Official with damage assessments from the floods. Krueger's wife, Judi, and Gene Durand from the City of Red Wing also assisted in inspecting 51 structures along the Zumbro River and Zumbro Lake area.



BY THE NUMBERS:

According to preliminary damage assessments compiled by responders to flooded areas in Minnesota:

- 23 – Minnesota counties assessed
- 180+ – homes destroyed or severely damaged
- 280+ – received minor damage
- 609 – total homes impacted
- 1,000+ – jobs temporarily lost
- \$45 million – damage to public infrastructure

Statistics as of early October 2010.

» For continuing details about the flood recovery efforts visit www.minnesotarecovers.org

Contractor Recovery Fund fee increasing

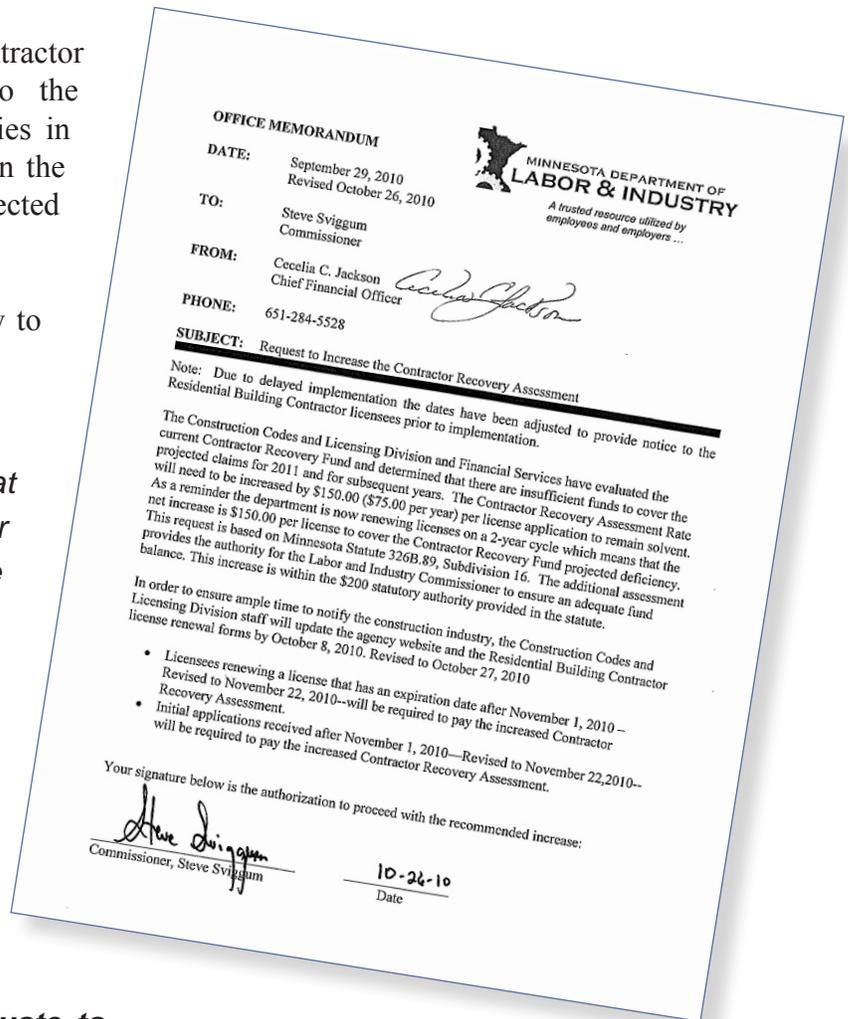
State law requires DLI's commissioner to keep the fund solvent

Payments from the Residential Contractor Recovery Fund have increased due to the downturn and resulting financial difficulties in the residential construction industry. Given the current rate of claims on the fund, it is projected to run short on money as early as 2011.

DLI's commissioner is responsible by law to keep the fund solvent.

// The statute states:

If the balance in the fund is at any time less than the commissioner determines is necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, every licensee, when renewing a license, shall pay, in addition to the annual renewal fee and the fee set forth in subdivision 3, an assessment not to exceed \$200. The commissioner shall set the amount of assessment based on a reasonable determination of the amount that is necessary to restore a balance in the fund adequate to carry out the purposes of this section.



Commissioner Steve Sviggum, based on carefully studied financial projections, did increase the amount each residential building contractor will pay into the recovery fund at the time of their next license renewal by \$75 each year.

All licenses issued by CCLD are on a two-year renewal schedule, so the increase paid with this year's license renewal will be \$150.

➤ View the complete memo outlining the change at:
www.dli.mn.gov/cclld/pdf/FundMemo.pdf

ICEC legislation is updated

New: Certificates are now valid for four years

As a result of legislation effective Jan. 1, 2009, CCLD began to issue [Independent Contractor Exemption Certificates \(ICEC\)](#) to individuals who perform building construction or improvement services in Minnesota.

Individuals who perform such services for other contractors and do not have an ICEC are automatically deemed to be employees of the contractor for whom they are working. Working without the proper certification is a violation of state law and can result in civil penalties and other regulatory action against the individual and the contractor they work for.

Although the ICEC program was intended to address the issue of worker misclassification (employees being treated as independent contractors) in the construction industry, it has not been as effective as planned. This is due in part to a 2-percent tax withholding requirement that also went into effect Jan. 1, 2009 and applies only to individual proprietors. As a result, many individuals formed a limited liability company (LLC) or other business entity to sidestep the ICEC and 2-percent withholding requirements.

DLI organized and administered a Worker Misclassification Task Force to explore and address the worker misclassification issue. One of its recommendations, which was signed into law in January 2010, was to lengthen the term of an ICEC from two years to four years. This law change means that **all ICECs that were issued in 2009 now expire in March 2013 instead of March 2011. New ICECs are also valid for four years.**

CCLD continues to take enforcement action against individuals and businesses that violate the ICEC laws. Penalty orders have been issued in more than 200 cases with information obtained from CCLD investigations being shared with the Department of Employment and Economic Development for potential unemployment insurance violations, the Department of Revenue for potential tax violations and to the DLI's Workers' Compensation Division for mandatory workers' compensation violations.

For information about the [ICEC program](#), call (651) 284-5074.

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Roofers warned about adjusting activities

In response to concerns from the insurance industry, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, in conjunction with DLI, [issued a joint bulletin](#) Sept. 17, 2010, that warns roofing contractors they may be violating state law by acting as public insurance adjusters.

When soliciting work after storms, many roofing contractors present homeowners with a proposal known as a “price-agreeable contract.” Those contracts became popular among insurance restoration contractors in Minnesota following intense hailstorms in 1998. They state that the homeowner agrees to allow the contractor to perform whatever repair work the homeowner’s insurance company agrees to cover, for the price that the insurer agrees to pay for the repairs. Most of these contracts also have a provision calling for the cancellation of the contract if no agreement can be reached between the contractor and insurer.

While CCLD does not object to the price-agreeable contract in principle, the way it is presented to the homeowner can cause concern. CCLD hears many complaints from homeowners who claim the contractor failed to tell them the document they were asked to sign is a contract; they were led to believe it was merely an authorization for the contractor to examine the homeowner’s roof or to talk to their insurance company. CCLD has taken enforcement action against several contractors for these types of misrepresentations.

The concern addressed by the joint bulletin relates to how contractors interact with homeowners’ insurance companies. In some cases, CCLD and the Department of Commerce have noticed contractors who advertise or otherwise claim to act as the homeowner’s representative in negotiating a claim with the insurer. This can be construed as the services of a public adjuster – someone who, for a fee, negotiates a claim settlement on a homeowner’s behalf.

Public adjusters are required to be licensed by the Department of Commerce. Its staff warn that enforcement action against contractors who cross the line between contracting and public adjusting will be taken and some contractors are already under investigation.

The determination about whether a contractor is acting as a public adjuster is made by the Department of Commerce only. CCLD advises licensed contractors to be sure they stick to discussing with insurance adjusters only the scope of damage to a homeowner’s property and the fee the contractor seeks for the required repair work.

Contractors should avoid making statements, verbally or in their advertisements or contracts, that they will act as a homeowner’s “representative” or “agent” in negotiating with an insurer.

For help with questions about the bulletin, contact the [Department of Commerce’s Market Assurance Division](#) at (651) 296-2488 or market.assurance@state.mn.us.

Verify a license

Use DLI’s online tools to verify a license, certificate or registration

DLI’s online License Lookup tool allows users to check the status of numerous different licenses, certificates, registrations and bonds.

To see the full list of searchable items, visit www.dli.mn.gov/cclld/LicVerify.asp

Or to view a specific searchable database:

- [Click here to verify a personal license](#)
- [Click here to verify a contractor license](#)

CCLD's Fall 2010 Seminar filling up fast

Department offering online registration system for seminars

The CCLD Fall Seminar will cover the basics of completing a plan review in compliance with the Minnesota Residential Energy Code, Minn. Rules 1322, using a house plan, including construction document requirements, foundation insulation systems, mechanical ventilation, make-up air, heating

and cooling systems, building heat loss and radon control.

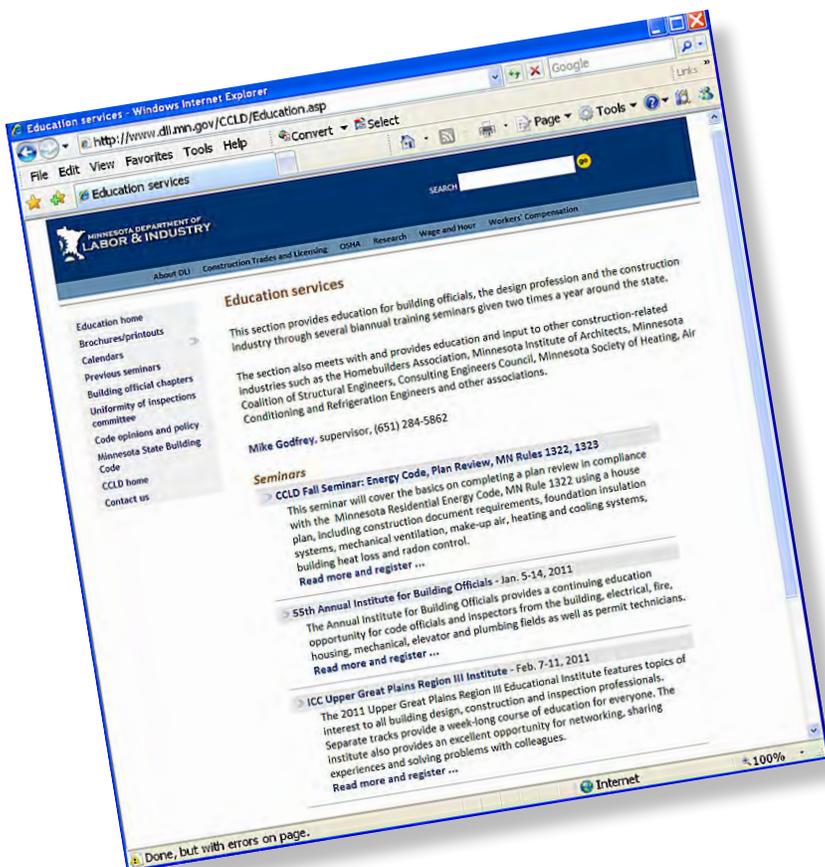
The final 90 minutes of the program will cover section 5 of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2004, compliance forms for commercial energy code plan submittal.

DLI has launched a new [online registration system for seminars](#).

It accepts several forms of payment, yet payment by credit card is required to receive instant approval and guarantee a seminar seat on a specific date.

- Register for the CCLD Fall Seminar via the online registration system at <https://secure.doli.state.mn.us/events/events.aspx>.

Seminar and educational opportunity resources



- Visit CCLD's [Education Services Web page](#) to view upcoming **seminars and classes** offered by CCLD and other organizations.
- For information about **contractor continuing education** course offerings, visit [CCLD's continually-updated CEU listings](#).

Registration renewal of unlicensed individuals performing electrical work

Effective Nov. 1, 2010, registration renewal requirements for unlicensed individuals performing electrical work changed to include completion of two hours of continuing education based on the National Electrical Code and reporting verified work experience for the previous 12 months. Previously, renewals required only payment of the renewal fee.

To encourage timely registration renewals, the department mails notices at least 60 days before the registration expiration date. Renewal notices are mailed to the address in the department's license records for each individual registrant. Addressees are sent a renewal notice and work experience verification form with their name and registration information pre-printed on the forms.

With respect to registered unlicensed individuals performing electrical work, the following information is important when renewing the registration:

- According to state law, no person may perform electrical work without a license, unless registered as an unlicensed individual.

Registration fee and late fee requirements:

- The registration fee is \$20 and must be submitted with the renewal form and certificates of continuing education.
- A \$15 late fee is required if the department receives the renewal fee more than 30 days after the date of the registration expires.
- A \$15 late fee is required if the two hours of approved continuing education based on the NEC is completed more than 30 days after the date the registration expires.

Continuing education requirements:

- Complete at least two hours approved continuing education based on the NEC each year.
- Continuing education hours must be completed before the date the registration expires.
- Submit a copy of the continuing education certificate showing the course number, course title, session date and the approved course hours.

Electrical work experience verification required:

- Get [Electrical Work Experience Verification Form\(s\)](#) completed by your employer(s) for whom you performed electrical work in the past 12 months. The employer(s) must complete the form.
- Verification form must be submitted with your registration renewal fee and continuing education certificates. **Note:** Do not delay renewal if verification form cannot be completed and submitted. Submit verification form later.

➤ For more information and to access forms, visit
<http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/LicElectricalUnlicensed.asp>

Master electrical and elevator license renewals

Licensees urged to complete continuing education early to avoid renewal delay

All Class A Master Electricians, Class B Master Electricians and Master Elevator Constructor licenses expire Feb. 28, 2011. A licensee failing to renew their license before this date is unlicensed as a master on March 1, 2011, and thereafter until renewed.

To renew a license, master license holders must pay the applicable license fee and complete 16 hours of continuing education. License fees are:

- \$88 for Class A Master Electricians and Master Elevator Constructors; and
- \$55 for Class B Master Electricians

Continuing education hours include at least 12 hours instruction about the National Electrical Code and a maximum of four hours instruction about other related material, such as Minnesota's license and inspection requirements and other technical topics related to

electrical installations and equipment.

To ensure license renewal by Feb. 28, 2011, masters need to complete the required continuing education hours by Dec. 31, 2010. Licensees waiting until February 2011 to complete their continuing education will experience a delay in the renewal

Licensees waiting until February 2011 to complete continuing education requirements will experience a delay in the renewal because of the processing of a high number of continuing education attendance rosters."

of the license because the department will be processing continuing education attendance rosters for hundreds of master electricians who waited to complete the required continuing education hours.

By law, any master electrician or master elevator constructor who obtained their license since March 1, 2009 is not required to complete any continuing education to renew their license because they held the license for less than 24 months.

The department will mail master electrician and elevator constructor license renewals by Dec. 1, 2010, a full 90 days before licenses expire.

Show stopper

CCLD display booths available for your events

The CCLD loans three, two-part display units to building officials presenting code-related information at community events.

A variety of free literature and photos is provided. The display case size is 55" x 26" x 11". To reserve a display, contact Chris Thompson at (651) 284-5856 or via e-mail at chris.thompson@state.mn.us.

Reservations are granted on a first-come, first-served basis and the displays must be returned to DLI's St. Paul offices as soon as possible after use to allow pick-up by other users.

A specific pick-up time will be arranged to allow quick pick-up and drop-off in DLI's front lobby.



Master electrical and elevator license renewals

Follow these steps for a smooth and timely renewal

Renewal notices

To encourage timely license renewals, the department mails license renewal notices at least 60 days before a license expires. Renewal notices are mailed to the address in our license records for each individual licensee.

For the U.S. Postal Service to deliver license renewal notices, the department must have an accurate mailing address. It is essential because the Postal Service considers the State of Minnesota to be a mass mailer and returns all mail undeliverable as addressed, including mail where the Postal Service has a forwarding address.

Individual license holders are responsible for notifying the department when they change their physical and mailing addresses. A license update form is available online at www.dli.mn.gov/cclld/forms.asp.

Continuing education

Requirements: Minnesota Rules 3800.3602 prohibits DLI from renewing a license that has been held for at least 24 months unless the license holder has credit for the required hours of continuing education instruction. Individuals must complete 16 hours continuing education before they may renew a license held for at least 24 months.

<u>License</u>	<u>Min. Hours NEC Code</u>	<u>Max. Hours Other Related</u>
Master A and B Elect.	12	4
Master Elevator Const.	12	4
Journeyman A & B Elect.	12	4
Journeyman Elevator Const.	12	4
Maintenance Elect.	12	4
Installer A & B Elect.	12	4
Power Limited Technician	4	12
Unlicensed Individuals	2	0
Lineman	0	0

Exceptions: Licensed linemen are exempt from needing continuing education hours to renew their license. Masters are not required to complete the continuing education hours to renew the license unless the license has been held for more than 24 months.

Licensee continuing education status: Licensees may check the status of their continuing education at www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/LicElectricalEducation.asp. The CE status check is unavailable for unlicensed individuals because the department does not yet have the ability to record and track their continuing education hours. However, this capability, will be implemented for registrations that expire in 2012.

Late fees

State law prohibits the department from renewing a license or registration unless the individual meets the statutory requirements.

For individuals holding electrical licenses, this means receipt of the license fee by the department and completion of 16 hours of continuing education by the expiration date of the license. For registered unlicensed individuals, this means receipt of the registration fee by the department and completion of two hours of continuing education by the expiration date of the registration.

A late fee, however, is required if either the license/ registration fee is not received by the department, or the continuing education is not completed within 30 days of the expiration date.

Individuals failing to complete their continuing education obligation within 30 days of the license/ registration expiration date are required to pay a late fee, even if they paid their license fee to the department before the license expired.

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Electrical contractor requires valid master electrician

An electrical contractor license is valid only when all of the statutory requirements are met, including designation of a responsible master electrician who holds a current active license. Licensed electrical contractors must make sure their responsible master electrician renews his or her personal license by Feb. 28, 2011.

Holders of an electrical contractor license, whose responsible master electrician fails to renew their personal license by Feb. 28, 2011, will have an invalid license March 1, 2011, and thereafter until the responsible master electrician renews their personal license; or the contractor replaces the responsible master electrician.

A renewed personal license means

the department has issued a license after verifying the payment of the correct license fees and verifying the completion of the required 16 hours of continuing education.

Verification of the correct license fee occurs on the date the department actually receives and records payment, not the date the payment was placed in the mail and post marked. Verification of continuing education hours occurs upon department receipt of the continuing education provider's attendance roster, which is then entered into the department's licensing computer system, and confirmation that license fee has been paid.

Licensed master electricians attending continuing education in January and February 2011 may

cause delays in the renewal of their licenses, thereby causing electrical contractor licenses to become invalid on March 1, 2011, and remain so until their licenses are renewed.

Licensed electrical contractors should ensure their responsible licensed master electricians complete the required continuing education hours by Dec. 31, 2010, to prevent any risks to the validity of their contractor license.

A master electrician's continuing education status may be checked online at www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/LicElectricalEducation.asp. A status listed as "MET" indicates the master electrician's license is ready for renewal.

Personal license renewals

"License" – continued from Page 8

License and registration reinstatement

Individuals have the length of a license or registration period to renew the license or registration.

Reinstatement of a license or registration requires the payment of the license or registration fee necessary to bring it up-to-date and a late fee equal to one year's license or registration fee.

For license holders, they have up to two years after the license expires to renew their license by paying the license and late fees. Individuals failing to reinstate the license during this two-year window must pass the license examination to become licensed again. Unless these individuals have a license that permits them to perform electrical work, it also means they must

register as unlicensed individuals until they pass the license examination. A generic license renewal form is available online at www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/LicElectricalPersonal.asp.

For registered unlicensed individuals, they have up to one year after the registration expires to renew their registration by paying the registration and late fees. Individuals failing to reinstate the registration during this one-year period must submit a new registration. All electrical work performed during the inactive registration period is disregarded when evaluating work experience necessary to qualify for a license examination. A generic license renewal form is available online at www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/LicElectricalPersonal.asp.

Plumbing contractor licensing changes are coming

Beginning Jan. 1, 2012, DLI will license individuals and businesses that perform or offer to perform plumbing work, with or without compensation, as a licensed plumbing contractor or licensed restricted plumbing contractor. Master plumbers and restricted master plumbers will no longer “hold” the license for a plumbing contractor, but rather will be the “responsible master” for the contractor. The plumbing contractor, as a business entity, shall “hold” the license for itself.

The Minnesota legislature made this change in 2010 to align regulation of plumbing contractors with that of electrical contractors, high-pressure-piping contractors, elevator contractors, residential roofers, technology system contractors and residential building contractors. The law clarifies that business entities contracting to perform plumbing work shall be directly accountable for their business actions as a contractor.

Licensure of plumbing contractors

Although plumbing contractors have filed bonds and liability insurance with DLI and the Department of Health for many years, they have been doing it on behalf of their master plumber. A plumbing contractor’s license was actually the master plumber’s license, not the business’ license. The Minnesota legislature in 2010 shifted this responsibility to the plumbing contractor as a business entity rather than leave it with the master plumber. The change goes into effect with the license period starting Jan. 1, 2012.

Information [currently provided by plumbing contractors when filing a bond and liability insurance](#) will not change. This information includes:

- contractor name, address information, contact information
- federal and state business, employer and tax identification numbers
- business name filing(s) with the Minnesota Secretary of State
- business disclosure of owners, partners, officers, or members
- responsible licensed master plumber or restricted master plumber
- plumbing contractor code compliance bond
- certificate of liability insurance
- certificate of compliance with Minnesota workers’ compensation laws

The primary differences plumbing contractors will experience in 2012 are:

- **License number:** Each licensed plumbing contractor will be issued a license number that will remain with the licensed business entity as long as it remains licensed. This will eliminate use of the master plumber’s license as the plumbing contractor’s number.
- **Responsible licensed plumber:** Each licensed plumbing contractor will designate a master plumber or restricted master plumber as its “responsible licensed plumber.” This individual must have a current, active master license and be responsible for the contractor’s compliance with Minnesota’s plumbing laws and code. The restrictions about who may be the responsible licensed plumber for a plumbing contractor are [Referenced in summary tables on DLI’s website](#).
- **New bond:** Because the license is new, each licensed plumbing contractor must submit a new [plumbing contractor code compliance bond](#) for the license period starting Jan. 1, 2012. Bonds currently in effect that expire Dec. 31, 2011, will be unacceptable for the license period starting Jan. 1, 2012.

» More information about the change, including fees, exemptions and who is allowed to be a responsible licensed plumber is at www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/PlumbingContChange.asp

Plumbing plan review and inspection updated

Effective Dec. 1, 2010, the following procedures regarding Plumbing Plan Review and Plumbing Inspection are in effect:

Plumbing Plan Review

1. Plumbing plans and specifications for Section 326B.43, Subdivision 2(n) projects that include: (1) hospitals, nursing homes, supervised living facilities, and similar health-care-related facilities regulated by the Minnesota Department of Health; (2) buildings owned by the federal or state government; and (3) projects of a special nature for which department review is requested by either the municipality or by the state are required to be submitted to the department for review and approval.

Plumbing plans and specifications for any “public building”* where the department will be making inspections are identified by the department as “projects of a special nature” and subsequently

are required to be submitted to the department for review and approval.

2. Unless a plan review agreement as provided in Section 326B.43, Subdivision 2 exists between the department and a municipality, plans and specifications for other plumbing that meets the conditions of Minnesota Rule 4715.3130 must be submitted to the department for review and approval. This includes, but is not limited to: restaurants; grocery stores; department stores; offices; warehouses; churches; and housing with five units or more, excluding townhomes built to the International Residential Code (IRC) with individual water and sewer services to each dwelling unit.

***Note:** “Public building” means a building and its grounds the cost of which is paid for by the state or a state agency regardless of its cost, and a school district building project the cost of which is \$100,000 or more.

➤ For help with questions about the changes to plumbing plan review and inspection, call (651) 284-5067 or (651) 284-5063.

Plumbing Inspection

1. Projects for which review of plans and specifications is required by Minnesota Rule 4715.3130 are required to be inspected by the department except as provided in (2) or (3) below.

2. Where a municipal agreement exists with the department as provided in Minnesota Statutes Section 326B.43, Subdivision 2, those projects identified in subdivision 2(n) and “public building” projects are allowed to be inspected by the municipality where the inspections are performed

by individuals licensed as master or journeyman plumbers.

3. Projects not included in #2 are allowed to be inspected by municipalities with a building official only if the inspections are performed by individuals who are licensed as master or journeyman plumbers, or by individuals meeting the competency requirements established in rules under section 326B.135. This applies regardless of whether or not a plumbing plan review agreement is in place.

➤ [See the Division’s Summary of the law for additional clarification](#)

Several rules being reviewed for adoption by CCLD

Minnesota Rules Chapter 1315 – Board of Electricity; adoption of 2011 National Electrical Code
Published *Request for Comments* Sept. 7, 2010, and notified the Governor’s Office of this rulemaking.

Minnesota Rules Chapter 1370 – Manufactured Home Storm Shelters

The administrative law judge approved the rules Sept. 15, 2010. The governor’s veto period should end at the end of September. The *Notice of Adoption* will be published and rules should be effective sometime in early 2011.

Minnesota Rules Chapter 4715 and 4716 – Plumbing Board

Request for Comment on Rules under recent legislation was published Sept. 7, 2010. Notices of Intent for two rulemakings are being issued; one for waterless urinals and one to incorporate legislation for statewide application of the plumbing code.

Minnesota Rules Chapter 5225 – Boilers and Boats

Two *Request for Comments* are being drafted; one for continuing education and education equivalency; and one for Boiler Rules Chapter 5225 clean-up following the 2010 legislative changes to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 326B.

➤ For updates about all DLI rulemaking activity or to sign up to receive notice of agency rule proceedings, visit the agency’s rulemaking Web page at www.dli.mn.gov/Rulemaking.asp.

Home warranty

Governor signs new home warranty rules



Gov. Tim Pawlenty, seated, signs new home warranty legislation. Its purpose is to resolve warranty disputes without lengthy and expensive litigation.

Gov. Tim Pawlenty recently signed into law HF 3386 and SF 2832, which created a dispute resolution process by a neutral party for the review of homeowners’ claims against a builder or builders’ claims against a homeowner.

The law, effective Jan. 1, 2011, requires the party to submit any warranty claim to the dispute process before a lawsuit can be filed. Its purpose is to resolve warranty disputes without lengthy and expensive litigation.

For more information visit www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/PDF/warranty.pdf.

Common building plan review questions answered by CCLD staff

The questions below are part of an ongoing series featuring frequently asked questions received by CCLD's [Building Plan Review Section](#). The responses are the opinions of the plan review staff and do not represent an official division or state building official interpretation.



Does the IBC prohibit the use of wire glass in door assemblies?



No. Wire glass is not specifically prohibited, however if the glazing is deemed to be glazing in a hazardous location (IBC Sec. 2406.3), then the glazing is required to meet the requirements for safety glazing (CPSC 16 CFR 1201). In past codes, there was an exception where polished wire glass only had to meet the requirements of ANSI Z97.1. The 2006 IBC eliminated that exception. Plan reviewers and building inspectors need to make sure all glazing in hazardous locations meets the CPSC 16 CFR 1201 standard, including wire glass.



If a corridor is not required to be rated by IBC Table 1017.1 do the dead-end provisions of IBC Sec. 1017.3 still apply?



Yes. Elimination of the corridor rating does not exempt the other provisions of IBC Sec. 1017, specifically dead ends (IBC Sec. 1017.3) and air movement (IBC Sec. 1017.4). However, since only fire-resistive rated corridors cannot be interrupted by intervening rooms (IBC Sec. 1017.5), a potential solution to a dead-end corridor may be exiting the corridor through an intervening room (IBC Sec. 1014.2).



Is plastic piping permitted in a building of Type I or II construction?



Maybe. If the plastic piping is used for plumbing, mechanical or electrical and is specifically approved and installed in accordance with the Minnesota Plumbing Code, Minnesota Mechanical Code or Minnesota Electrical Code, then despite being “combustible” it is permitted. (IBC Secs. 603.1.1, 603.1.2 and 603.1.3)

CCLD Assistant Commissioner Joachim to retire

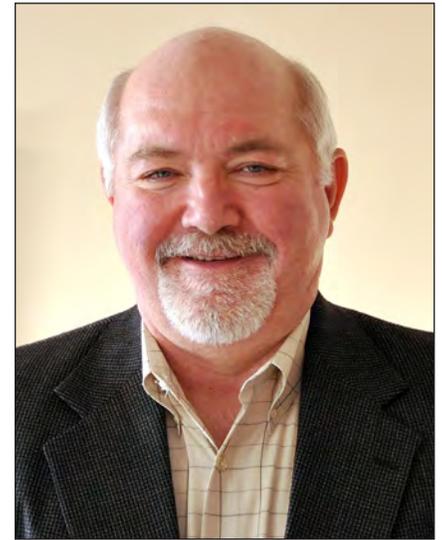
Assistant Commissioner Tom Joachim has accepted an early retirement incentive package and will retire Dec. 29, 2010. Joachim currently is an assistant commissioner with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry and the past Minnesota State Building Official.

Joachim began his career in code administration as a building inspector with Faribault in October 1978. After two-and-a-half years he was named the building official and planning/zoning administrator for Little Falls.

Joachim joined the State Building Codes Division at the Minnesota Department of Administration in December 1983. He advanced to supervisor of the Plan Review Section in 1987 and was named the sixth State Building Official in July 1992. Joachim held that position for 14 years before being named the assistant commissioner of the newly consolidated state Construction Codes and Licensing Division (CCLD) in September 2006.

Joachim has received two of the highest awards in his profession: the “Herb Meyer Award” in 2000 from the North Star Chapter of Code Officials, for his achievements in the field of code enforcement and support of building official chapter activities; and the 2006 “Code Official of the Year” award from the Association of Minnesota Building Officials for his outstanding contributions to building safety in Minnesota.

Joachim was active as a member of many state and national advisory code committees. He also served as president of the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards and as commissioner for the Interstate Industrialized Buildings Commission.



Joachim

Joachim retires with more than five years of municipal service and more than 27 years of state service.

He would like to thank the Department of Labor and Industry, the Construction Codes and Licensing staff, state and local code officials and the construction-industry organizations and associations for their continued support toward building a safe environment for us to live, work and play.

Tom and his wife, Cathy, look forward to enjoying more time with their family, especially their grandchildren, and of course some golf!

Web updates

Visit www.dli.mn.gov to stay current about activity at the Department of Labor and Industry

A few of the most recent additions include:

- New enforcement actions against license holders at the DLI [enforcement actions Web page](#).
- Visit the [contractor education calendar](#) for continuing education course listings.
- Download license forms on the [CCLD forms page](#).

