

# **Committee notes for MN Rule Chapter 1346 Committee Meeting Dated 12-14-11**

## **Agenda Item #1 9:03 AM**

Committee did self-introductions, Committee Chair, Scott Nelson, gave overview of today's meeting agenda and noted that Colleen Chirhart is out ill and will not be able to update SONAR writing based on current submittals (Agenda Item 4). She can be contacted by individuals if help is needed with writing SONARS.

## **Agenda Item #2 a.**

There was much discussion on the current draft and the removal of NFPA 96 language from 1346.0050. Several provisions of NFPA 96 were discussed that may still need to be added back into the 2012 IMC as amendments to the current draft.

## **Agenda Item #2 b.**

Don Sivigny reviewed the department changes to Chapter 1 of the 2012 IMC that are proposed to be part of MN Rule 1300 (which is in the adoption process also). There were a few discussion items that Don will follow up on and report back to the committee. Some of these items include mechanical equipment required inspections, power plant exemptions (IMC/IFGC), power plant definition, authority to disconnect, etc. This information will not, however, be available until mid-end January 2012.

## **Agenda Item #2 c.**

Don Sivigny updated the committee on the discussion of the Radon Fan installation and location that came out of the 1303 Radon Committee on 12/13/2011. The radon committee wishes to remove the words "radon exhaust system" from the definition of 'Exhaust System' in 1346.0202 as well as exempting radon fans from the requirements of IMC Section 306.3. The 1346 committee discussed this for some time and decided to change the definition of exhaust systems, so as to remove the words "radon exhaust system" from 1346.0202, and replace it with "subslab soil exhaust systems" to be consistent with section 512 of the 2012 IMC. The committee also interpreted that radon fans installed in an attic by definition in the IMC are appliances and are not exempt from the provisions of IMC Section 306.3. A 100% consensus was reached for these two items (i.e. new language in 1346.0202 and radon fans are appliances and should not be exempt from 306.3).

The committee discussed the radon committee's draft language. They felt radon fans installed on the interior of a building could be addressed by proper sealing, testing and monitoring when an active system is installed. The committee discussed various language proposals and a unanimous consensus was achieved on supporting the department's drafted language, as written, on active radon mitigation systems.

#### **Agenda Item #2 d. Chapter 15**

Discussion ensued about the need to keep indicating the reference standard year (i.e. NPFA 96-2004) in the body of the code when reference standard years are already in chapter 15. There was also a question on various references regarding correctness and deleted items. The department deleted those that are already in the 2012 chapter 15. There was also a change to the draft numbering format developed and there may be an update to the year for NFPA 45-2004. Tim Manz will review this and the content of any new standard for its consistency with the current language and report back to the committee

#### **Agenda Item #2 e. Chapter 16 and Agenda Item # 3 c.**

There was a discussion on the proposed changes to a new section 313 of the IMC and to delete the State amendment that adds that chapter 16 to MN Rule 1346. The proposal's intent was to simplify and clarify all of the requirements that are in Chapter 16 in the IMC (Also see Proposed code change IMC #3). The committee decided to table this proposed code change and take it off line as a sub-committee . This sub-committee will revise the initial IMC #3 and will then bring it back as a recommendation for the committee.

#### **Agenda Item #2 f. 1346.0301 Use of appliance vs. equipment**

The committee discussed this in reference to the definitions of appliances and equipment specific to 2012 IMC section 301.7. The committee made the decision to table this item until next week after Tim Manz does some additional research on the use of 'appliance' vs. the word 'equipment' presently in the draft.

#### **Agenda Item #4:**

Colleen Chirhart was ill so we skipped this item.

#### **Agenda Item #5 a.**

The committee discussed this change and the need to regulate access requirements for equipment through service access openings, panels or doors. Jon Knudson is going to modify this proposal and submit it for discussion at a future meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #5 b.**

The committee discussed this change IMC Section 501.3.1 of the 2012 Document and what the language says. After the committee discussion, the proponent (Jon K) decided to withdraw this proposed code change.

Following the agenda items there was some discussion on exhaust only ventilation systems in MN Rule 1322.

#### **Agenda item #6**

Scott Nelson discussed the next meeting date and date for proposed code change submittals with the committee

**Agenda Item 7:**

Scott Nelson assigned the committee to review the remainder of Chapter 3 as well as Chapters 4, 5, and 6.

**Agenda Item #8**

The committee adjourned at 12:25 PM