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NOTICE REGARDING RESIDENTIAL COMMENT PERIOD:
2011 REACH CODE ADOPTION

The division would like to clarify that the comment period relating to the development of the residential provisions of Oregon's first Reach Code will be opened at a later time.

Clarification of Comment Deadline: May 28, 2010 by 5 p.m. – Comments on the commercial provisions of the proposed code **MUST be submitted by this deadline. The residential proposal period will be opened at a later time.**

Proposal Process:

March 23, 2010, the Building Codes Division opened the process to adopt Oregon's first Reach Code. During this open comment period, the division is seeking amendment proposals for the commercial provisions of the International Green Building Code. The division will open up the comment period for the residential provisions of the Reach Code at a later time.

The division will use the 2012 International Green Construction Code Version 1.0 as the model document for the commercial provisions of the Reach Code. The division is requesting code amendment proposals for sections of the 2012 IGCC that relate to energy efficient buildings. Proposals must include a brief explanation of the connection between the proposal and energy. Energy efficiency is defined in the charging legislation as "the use of construction and design standards, construction methods, products, equipment and devices to increase efficient use of, and reduce consumption of, electricity, natural gas and fossil fuels in buildings."

The division will send out a notice at a later date opening the public comment period for the residential provisions of the Reach Code. The division will keep any provisions relating to residential provisions of the Reach Code on file to be evaluated after the residential comment period closes.

Residential code change proposals are not subject to the 5 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2010 deadline for commercial code proposals.

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