
Building Codes Division



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2010 Energy Code Adoption

Draft Code Available for Public Viewing:

The proposed 2010 Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code (OEESC) is available for public review. The draft is available at www.bcd.oregon.gov/boards/bcsb/package.html.

Opportunity for public input:

There will be an opportunity to provide public testimony on the draft code on February 3, 2010 at the Building Codes Structures Board meeting. The Board meeting will be held at 9:30 at the Building Codes Division, Conference Room A. If approved by the board the code will have a public rulemaking hearing in a date TBD in March.

Live Broadcast via the Internet

To view the public hearing live click on “View Live Meeting”

History:

This energy code is significantly different than the previous energy provisions in the Oregon Structural Specialty Code. Several changes should be noted. First, the energy efficiency provisions are being published for the first time as a stand-alone code. The 2010 OEESC will take the place of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code’s Chapter 13 energy efficiency provisions.

Second, there will be a significant increase in the energy efficiency requirements over the current 2007 provisions. In 2009, Senate Bill 79 directed the division to increase energy efficiency in commercial structures by 15-25% by January 1, 2012. In anticipation of the substantial increase in energy efficiency standards the division convened a Commercial Industry Energy Code Committee to make policy recommendations on how best to obtain the 15-25% improvement in commercial construction. After the committee adjourned, the division continued to work with various stakeholder groups on drafting specific provisions to implement the recommendations of the Committee.

The code as proposed incorporates amendments to three elements that primarily impact a building’s energy consumption: building envelope (i.e. increased insulation requirements, higher performing windows etc.), lighting (light power densities), and mechanical systems.

The division anticipates that the 2010 OEESC will become effective on July 1, 2010. There will be a 90 day phase in period where builders may choose to build to either the 2007 chapter 13 provisions or the 2010 OEESC.

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