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NECA and IEC will sponsor June 23 code-change session

NECA and IEC are co-sponsoring the second class of a four-part code-change series Thursday, June 23, 4-8 p.m., in the Board Room of the Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Street, Portland.

Qualified participants may earn four hours' credit for continuing education (master builders), four hours of CCB credit (home inspectors), or four hours of code-change credit for BCD electrical licensees.

The purpose of forums is to discuss code applications and reach consensus on acceptable installation and inspection standards for the tri-county region and for the state. All area electricians, contractors, remodelers, architects, and building-department personnel are invited. ▲

BCD launches online permitting service

As part of the governor's Regulatory Streamlining Initiative, BCD has launched a statewide electronic permitting system that allows contractors to apply and pay online for minor labels and over-the-counter plumbing, mechanical, and electrical permits for the cities of Hillsboro, Portland, Milwaukie, and Beaverton and Clackamas and Washington counties.

Online permitting is available at www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov, where contractors can:

- Apply and pay for over-the-counter plumbing, mechanical, and electrical permits
- Apply for and purchase minor labels

- Locate the correct building department for a project using "address locator"
- Link to permit forms and contact information in the pilot jurisdictions

The e-permitting pilot is a multi-phased collaborative effort of the Building Codes Division and the building departments of the cities and counties named above. BCD hosts the Web site.

The plan is to expand the system to permitting in all jurisdictions, eventually adding plan review.

For more information call Joan Stevens-Schwenger, manager, Tri-County Service Center, (503) 872-6731.

June 23 code-change class agenda

The presentation will focus on and law changes and code interpretations. Information about most of these topics can be found on the Building Codes Division Web site: www.bcd.oregon.gov. This class will also address:

- Administrative rule changes pertaining to the 2005 code.
- Revised code sections relating to electrical codes in Chapters 11 and 13 of the 2005 OSSC.

- 2003 legislation affecting the electrical industry including HB 2564, which authorized combined license authority; SB 822, which expanded the definition of telecommunication utility to include service providers; HB 2717, which changed product certification requirements; and SB 906, which created many new requirements affecting contractors and inspectors.

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News flash

Apply and pay for your over-the-counter mechanical permits online at **BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov.**

Participating jurisdictions include Portland, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Milwaukie, and Clackamas and Washington counties.

- Minor label rules and scope of work (review).
- Administrative rules drafts of electrical-plan-review requirements.
- An inspector's quick reference guide for the 2005 NEC and 2005 ORSC.
- Recent interpretations (review).

Code chief issues interpretation

Because the February 3 code-change class did not follow the usual Tri-County code forum format, we are publishing the chief's recently issued interpretation about the Master Permit Program instead of forum questions and answers.

Code edition: 2002 Oregon Electrical Specialty Code

Date of issue: April 1, 2005

Question:

Can an industrial facility that has only limited maintenance electricians on staff participate in the Master Electrical Permit Program?

Analysis:

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 479.630(10) requires that facilities that employ limited maintenance electricians be inspected a minimum of once a year. The Master Electrical Permit Program under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 918-309-0100 allows an owner or operating manager to participate in the program provided they utilize properly licensed electricians. OAR 918-309-0100(8) specifically allows the required yearly inspection of limited maintenance electricians to be combined with the Master Electrical Permit Program provided separate records are maintained.

Answer:

Yes, industrial facilities that employ limited maintenance electricians may participate in the Master Electrical Permit Program. The owner or operating manager need to register with the local inspecting jurisdiction, provide names and license numbers of the electrician(s) and ensure separate logs are maintained of the maintenance work performed.

This interpretation does not expand or change the scope of work allowed by a limited maintenance electrician. ▲

Apply and renew licenses online

Electrical contractors and general supervising electricians may now apply for or renew their licenses online at bcd.oregon.gov.

Click on **NEW! Apply and Renew Licenses** on the home page.

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