

## CODE QUESTIONS ?

**QUESTION?** “ The 2000 *International Mechanical Code*, Section 1301.2 refers to the code requirements for the depth of fuel oil piping systems. However, the code does not have any sections specifying the minimum depth of oil piping underground. What do we follow?”

**ANSWER:** Because the *IMC* does not specifying this information, you need to reference *NFPA No. 30 (Combustible Liquid Code)*. Go to Section 3-7 for “Underground Piping”.

## CODE UPDATE



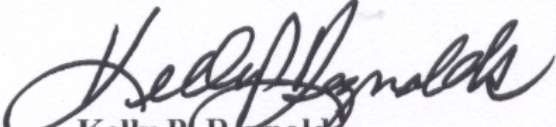
**CALIFORNIA** - - An Executive Director’s Report to the Governor from the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) has recommended that the *International Codes* be adopted statewide. In July 2003, the **CBSC** had endorsed the *NFPA No. 5000 Building Code* against the recommendations of most code officials. The expense of training for a new code and implementation issues make the *I-Codes* r most cost-effective and easier to enforce over the *NFPA* code, due to their similarity in text and format to the current state code (*UBC*). Exact adoption date has not been set. We will keep you up-to-date as this process develops.

**ICC** - A NEW low-cost fire sprinkler system standard is being proposed by the **ICC** through the ANSI Project Initiation Notification Systems (PINS). The object is to develop an economical multipurpose combination piping systems for fire sprinklers and plumbing in one-and-two family dwellings. It is believed that low-cost fire sprinkler systems will be more appealing to developers and homeowners considering the fire and life safety benefits available. Currently, those residential systems are regulated by *NFPA No. 13-D*. State Farm Insurance is already offering it’s U.S. and Canada policy holders a 5%-10% reduction in their homeowners insurance with a home fire sprinkler system. They insure 1 in 5 homes in the U.S.

### HUD, IBC AND THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

THE U.S. DEPT. Of Housing & Urban Development (**HUD**) has ruled that the *International Building Code* creates a “Safe Harbor” for compliance with federal regs on accessibility requirements. If you comply with the *IBC* requirements (Chapter 11), then you have complied with the *Fair Housing Act*. **HUD**’s review determined that the *IBC* meets or exceeds the federal regs. Some specific wordage will have to added to the code text regarding site arrival points, accessible building entrances and Type B dwelling units.



  
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