



## FEBRUARY 2009 EDITION

Welcome to another issue of the BCAP Newsletter, a brief summary of happenings at BCAP and building energy code progress around the nation. In this issue read about:

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As always, we appreciate the support and collaboration of our many friends and allies. We are looking forward to continued collaboration with you to improve the energy efficiency of our built environment.

Cheers! – the BCAP Staff

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## UPDATED BCAP STATE CODE STATUS MAPS

BCAP is proud to unveil its new code status maps for residential and commercial building energy codes. Each map includes a new color scheme and revised legends, simplifying comparisons of codes across states.

You can view our new [commercial map](#) and [residential map](#) on the BCAP website, as well as download JPEG and PDF versions of each map.

And as always, stay up-to-date with the latest building code news by subscribing to the [BCAP Code News RSS Feed](#).

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## 2009 IECC PUBLISHED, EXPECTED TO BE 15% MORE EFFICIENT

The 2009 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) -- the national model energy code of choice for states, cities and counties that adopt codes -- is published and now available for adoption by jurisdictions. The 2009 IECC will produce approximately 15% in energy efficiency gains compared to the 2006 edition, according to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). [Read more...](#)

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## DOE OFFERING FREE LIVE WEBCASTS ON RESCHECK AND COMCHECK BASICS

These live webcasts, sponsored by DOE, will cover the basics of using COMcheck and REScheck, and will be geared toward the beginning user. The webcasts will include instruction and software demonstrations and 30 minutes of Q&A, with instructors answering participants' questions live. [Read more...](#)

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## ENERGY CODE CHAMPION

The Building Code Assistance Project announces **Alex Tapia**, with the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA), as our selection for ENERGY CODE CHAMPION! [Read more...](#)

Each quarter, BCAP will be recognizing a new Energy Code Champion. This will be a person who has been working hard behind the scenes to advocate for improving building energy codes. If you have someone you would like to nominate, or if you would like to tell us about the wonderful work you are doing, please write us at [kwillock@ase.org](mailto:kwillock@ase.org).

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## SUBSCRIBE TO THE BCAP CODE NEWS RSS FEED

To stay up-to-date on all the latest news from the building codes community, subscribe now to the BCAP Code News RSS Feed at <http://www.bcap-energy.org/news/feed>. An RSS, or Really Simple Syndication Feed, allows you to view frequently updated content published by a website. This tool highlights the most recent code news for you even if you do not regularly check the BCAP site (even though we encourage you to do so!).

For Mozilla Firefox users, follow the link <http://www.bcap-energy.org/news/feed>. Choose the application to view the feed (Live Bookmarks is the easiest, but you can also add the feed to your Google or Yahoo home page) and click “Subscribe Now”. An orange icon titled “Code News” should appear on your Live Bookmarks toolbar underneath the URL web address toolbar. Clicking the icon will reveal a dropdown box with the five most recent BCAP Code News updates. Follow one to navigate to the appropriate page on the BCAP website and further surf Code News.

For Internet Explorer 7 users, follow the link <http://www.bcap-energy.org/news/feed>. Click “Subscribe to this feed”. In the Favorites toolbar (accessed by the star icon on the IE toolbar at left), an orange icon titled “Code News” should appear. To create a quick launch live bookmark, in IE select the View menu...Toolbars...and unselect Lock the Toolbars. A section marked “Links” should appear in one of the toolbars. Drag the vertical line next to it to expand the Links toolbar. In the URL address browser, highlight the entire URL for the news feed, click and hold the icon, and drag it into the newly expanded Links toolbar. Finally, select the View menu...Toolbars...and re-select Lock the Toolbars.

And as always, please check out the rest of the BCAP website at <http://www.bcap-energy.org/> for news, events, state code status information, code adoption maps, our Policy Action Tool, and more!

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## CODE NEWS

*You can also [read code news on the website](#).*

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### General Code News

- [U.S. House Stimulus Bill Allocates \\$3.4 Billion for Energy Assistance Grants](#)
- [ICC Code Development Process Changes](#)
- [DOE Releases Determination on ASHRAE 90.1-2004](#)
- [Save the Date – Energy Codes 2009: July 27-30 in Portland](#)
- [New Federal Energy Efficiency Tax Credits for Homes Available in 2009](#)

### Code Updates

- California – [2009 Title 24 Final Versions Published, Effective Date Moved to August 1](#)
- District of Columbia – [D.C. City Council Approves Green Construction Codes](#)
- Florida – [2007 Florida Building Code Becomes Effective March 1](#)
- Michigan – [2003 Michigan Uniform Energy Code Takes Effect Upon October Court Ruling](#)
- North Carolina – [North Carolina Code Begins Implementing New State Code](#)
- Ohio – [Ohio Residential Prescriptive Option Effective January 1](#)

- Tennessee – [2003 IECC Residential Code Effective January 1](#)
- Wisconsin – [New Wisconsin Residential Code Effective April 1, Training February 16-18](#)

## State Activity

- Alabama – [Alabama Resolution Establishes 2006 IECC as Recommended Code](#)
- Arizona – [Arizona Building Officials Providing Training Week April 20-24](#)
- Connecticut – [Connecticut Legislature Considering Code Update and Green Standards](#)
- Florida – [New Florida EnergyGauge Software Available](#)
- Indiana – [Indiana Legislature Introduces Energy Code Bills](#)
- Missouri – [Missouri Passes Broad Energy Efficiency Legislation](#)
- Montana – [Montana Update Process for 2009 IECC Underway](#)
- Montana – [Houses That Work Training Session in Whitefish, Montana February 27](#)
- New Hampshire – [New Hampshire Holding Code Training Sessions in Spring](#)

## Green Building News

- [ASHRAE Green Building Code Committee Reforms](#)
- [Recent Report Quantifies Actual Impacts of Green Construction](#)

## Above Code News

- California – [Energy-Use Reporting Mandated in California](#)
- District of Columbia – [D.C. Requires Building Owners to Report Energy Use](#)
- Massachusetts – [Massachusetts Governor Announces Goals for Super-Efficient Buildings](#)
- Massachusetts – [Massachusetts Holding "Stretch Code" Hearing on March 10](#)

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