

October 4, 2004

The Honorable Cathy Stepp, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development,
Job Creation and Housing
Room 7 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707-7882

The Honorable Stephen Nass, Chair
Assembly Committee on Labor
Room 12 West, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear Senator Stepp and Representative Nass:

The Department of Commerce is submitting a germane modification to Clearinghouse Rule Number 04-016, relating to construction of public buildings and places of employment. This modification is being submitted pursuant to section 227.19 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes.

This modification consists of eliminating requirements to install rooftop smoke and heat vents and ceiling curtain boards in buildings that are protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system. Specifically, the requirements in section 415.6 of the *International Building Code*[®] would be eliminated, and IBC section 910.1 would be expanded to exempt any building protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system. This modification would not prevent a local unit of government from requiring rooftop smoke and heat vents and ceiling curtain boards in buildings other than multifamily dwellings.

The modification is attached for your reference, along with a revised summary of the treatment sections of Clearinghouse Rule Number 04-016, reflecting the renumbering of section Comm 62.0415 and the creation of section Comm 62.0415 (2), to include this modification.

In the attached modification, SECTIONS 40m and 40n are intended to be inserted after SECTION 40 in the previously submitted rules in final draft form, and SECTION 53 is intended to be substituted for SECTION 53 in that previous submittal.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David Storey at 267-0754.

Sincerely,

Cory L. Nettles
Secretary

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