Greetings from the team at the Division of Industry Services! Below you will find informational pieces from a cross-section of the Division.

The Division of Policy Development shares two updates pertaining to Industry Services. First, it has refreshed its forms which allows individuals to suggest a code change or an agenda item for its boards and councils. Please click this link to take you to the appropriate page on our website and select the option on which you are hoping to offer input.

Second, the Commercial Building code package has been adopted and is awaiting publication.

The effective date for the updated rules will be May 1, 2018. Commercial plans submitted on or after May 1st will need to comply with the updated rules. The rules may be accessed on our website.

The Division has prepared guidance pertaining to code applicability during this transition. Please review it, if you have questions about your plan’s design related to its review date with the Department.

Recent Informational Topics

The Division has added informational summaries to its website pages on the following topics. Simply click on the link to access the information.

Accessory Building Ordinances

Credentialing for individuals making repairs to a one or two-family dwelling unit

School Security Locks

News from Specific Programs

Boiler, Elevator and Mine Safety Programs

The boiler program has been preparing for the upcoming Boiler Industry Days as a co-sponsor with the Wisconsin Boiler Inspectors Association. Inspectors Mike Schmidt and Terry Waldbillig combined to perform 433 inspections the first two months of 2018, an average of more than 5 inspections per day, per inspector.

Brian Rausch represented the Elevator Program at the 47th annual UW Code Refresher at the Alliant Energy Center on Wednesday February 28th. His presentation, primarily focused on the effects of the upcoming 2015 IBC adoption on elevator installations. Brian is also currently participating in the Conveyance Code Council reviewing elevator code SPS 318.

The Mine Safety Program conducted the 2018 Mine Safety Roundtable in Wisconsin Dells on Thursday February 22nd. The roundtable included presentations by Industry Service’s Mike Kollver and Dave Vriezen, Mine Safety Health Administration’s James Peck and Quentin Maxwell of Payne & Dolan. Participating in the training and subsequent discussions were 35 people
representing Wisconsin’s mines, pits and quarries. Mike and Dave emphasized many life safety topics and responded to industry questions and concerns.

Commercial Buildings

The Division of Industry Services reviews plans for public buildings and places of employment prior to construction for compliance with the state statutes, the commercial building code and referenced standards including multifamily dwellings, energy efficiency and heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems. The division partners with local certified municipalities which provide plan review and inspection services for certain types and sizes of buildings. Inspection and trades certifications are administered by Industry Services. Building materials are evaluated for conformance with code requirements and standards. To become a local certified municipality, please visit our resources page.

In support of Department goals of improving communication and engagement with stakeholders, the division’s commercial building program staff have recently participated in a number of ongoing and new initiatives highlighted below. We hope we have been able to reach out to you and connect through one of these forums.

- Annual Winter Code Updates in cooperation with the four regional Building Inspector Associations
- Monthly in person training sessions available to certified municipalities
- Quarterly Ask the Code Official teleconferences
- Audits of certified municipality commercial building plan review and inspection programs

Last, program staff have been preparing for implementation of changes to the commercial building code which will adopt the 2015 I-Codes including reviewing and updating tools and resources used in the division’s plan review and inspection processes, resources available via our website such as forms, checklists and FAQ’s, and credential exam questions.

Questions regarding the Commercial Buildings Code can be sent to DSPSSBBuildingtech@wi.gov

Fire Safety

The Division of Industry Services Fire Prevention Program provides services related to fire prevention, protection, fire department safety & health, NFIRS, and the administration of the 2% fire dues. Its current initiative is the 2% Fire Dues Wisconsin Online Self-Certification process which opened January 3, 2018 and closes March 31, 2018.

Public Swimming Pools

Staff review plans and specifications for the construction or alteration of public swimming pools. This includes whirlpools, public swimming pools, water recreation attractions and swimming pool equipment. Consultation and inspection are also provided.
Questions regarding the Public Swimming Pools code can be sent to DSPSSBPoolTech@wi.gov

**Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (POWTS)**

This program monitors advances in the POWTS industry and “fine-tunes” applicable rules and service delivery as needed to help ensure that with proper design, construction, inspection, maintenance and management, POWTS are protective of public health and the waters of the state. It is estimated that there are 750,000 POWTS currently in use in Wisconsin serving approximately 30% of the state’s population. It is further estimated that 96% of Wisconsin land area, if developed, would need a POWTS. A building permit may not be issued in the state for a building located in an unsewered area until a sanitary permit is issued. Considering that POWTS plan review is at the forefront of the building process, incredible pressure is on the program to deliver timely service. Our goal for average turnaround time of plans is five days. The construction industry that includes POWTS is a vital part of Wisconsin’s economy.

Program workload is seasonal in nature. While plans are received year-around, peak submittal times are generally from April – November when weather conditions are most conducive to conducting soil and site evaluations and installing systems. During off-peak months, staff audit county programs/delegated agents, work on special projects and provide continuing education.

Current program priorities include soils training for prospective, new and experienced soil testers, electronic plan submittal, and training of new POWTS Inspectors. The Division is currently working with the University of Wisconsin in hopes to continue and build on this very successful training program.

**Public Sector Safety**

The Division of Industry Services establishes and enforces occupational safety and health standards for public sector employees. Consultation and inspections are provided by Industry Services Occupation Safety and Health staff. Wisconsin's Clean Indoor Air Act and the Right to Know Law, which provide information to employees concerning workplace conditions, are administered by the Division.

As shared in our last newsletter, a new online reporting system for Injury and Illness is available. This provides public employers with access to online reporting of Injuries and Illnesses on behalf of public employers for the State of Wisconsin. The State of Wisconsin requires that by March 1st of every year all public employers report Injuries and Illnesses utilizing the SBD10710 form.

Please visit the [Injury and Illness Reporting online system](#) to enter, review, and submit your information, if you have not done so. After submitting your information, you will receive a confirmation email with a printable version of the form for posting. As of March 20, 75% of the municipalities have completed the process for calendar year 2017.
**Plumbing**

The Division of Industry Services provides plumbing consultation, inspection, plan review, storm water, and product review services. The Division administers certifications, licenses, and registrations of individuals engaged in plumbing. Continuing Education Partnership Program for the industry is available. Staff provide tracking of performance tests for cross connection control devices. Revisions on SPS 381 – 384 is in progress.

Questions regarding the Plumbing code can be sent to DSPSSBPlbgTech@wi.gov.

Questions regarding the Plumbing Products can be sent to DspsSbProductTech@wi.gov

**Uniform Dwelling Code**

The Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) is the statewide building code for one- and two-family dwellings built since June 1, 1980. The Industry Services Division provides consultation and education concerning UDC construction standards and inspection procedures. Act 211 Electronic Building Permit System was successfully implemented January 2018. Two bids are currently being sought for contractors to support inspections of camping units and dwelling units.

Click on the links below if interested in learning more about the process or submitting a bid.

Camping unit inspections:

https://vendornet.wi.gov/Bid.aspx?NewBid=true&Id=366f1128-462c-e811-8105-0050568c7f0f

Dwelling inspections:

https://vendornet.wi.gov/Bid.aspx?NewBid=true&Id=0ef6a6ce-482c-e811-8105-0050568c7f0f

**Code revisions forwarded to the Wisconsin Legislature:**

- **Blasting, explosives, fireworks, mines/pits (SPS 307-308)**
- **Camping Units (SPS 327)**
- **Electrical code (SPS 316)**
- **Commercial Building code (SPS 361-366)**  *Effective date: May 1st*
- **Fire Department Safety & Health code (SPS 330)**
- **POWTS (SPS 381-387 & 391)**  *Submitted February 19, 2018*

You can track progress of all active code packages from our department by visiting this DSPS Rules link and scrolling to the specific trade or clicking on the Clearinghouse Rule number on https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/active.
Upcoming Division Events in 2018:

Division team members are planning to offer several opportunities to engage with stakeholders, including delegated municipalities and other industry partners. Here is a list of dates through June, with more being planned during the year. Watch for online registration opportunities as they are emailed to you.

- **April 17**  
  Delegated Agent Workshop  
  1 PM

- **April 18**  
  Ask the Code Official*  
  11 AM

  *Topics will be expanded to include UDC, Plumbing as well as Commercial Building

- **May 15**  
  Delegated Agent Workshop  
  9 AM  
  *New agenda topic begins*

- **June 19**  
  Delegated Agent Workshop  
  1 PM

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Diane Ploessl retired from our department this past month after 37+ years of service. We thank her and extend our wishes for a relaxing, enjoyable retirement!