

Legislative Report

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As I mentioned last month, the State of New Jersey is working to adopt the 2018 editions of the codes. At the time of this writing the Notice of Adoption has not been posted in the New Jersey Register. For the National Standard Plumbing Code (NSPC) the adoption will include the usual exceptions and additions you have come to expect. One new clarification is where the Department has deleted Section 13.1.10.2, Secondary Roof Drainage, in its entirety. For this adoption, the Department is proposing to add an amended Section 13.1.10.2, titled Overflow Roof Drainage, to address the requirement that overflow roof drainage systems be installed where parapet walls or other construction which extends above the roof is taking place. This is so the code is clear that these areas should have some means of secondary drainage. With the previous adoptions that deleted Section 13.1.10.2 people got the impression that secondary drainage was eliminated in its entirety. You still did need to address it for roof areas with parapet walls or other construction which extends above the roof. Secondary drainage was still identified in the Building Code in Section 1503.4 Roof Drainage under the roofing requirements. As engineers or designers you have a responsibility to think through your designs to make sure you are addressing safety issues. You cannot solely rely on the Code to address all features of your project. Ultimately you have a responsibility to protect public safety.

For the International Code Council (ICC) the Group A codes (IBC, IEBC, IFGC, IMC, IPC, IPDSC, IPMC, IRC-M, IRC-P, ISPC & IZC) will have Committee Action Hearings on April 15 through 25 in Columbus, Ohio. It offers you an opportunity to provide input on proposed code changes to these codes that will be published in 2021. The hearings are free to attend, but do require pre-registration at the ICC [website](#). You can see more information on that website including schedule of meetings and where to stay.

Please start planning to try to come out to our Chapter meetings; it is a great time to meet other members and see what ASPE is all about. Pay attention to the locations for our meetings, we are going back to Dominic's for a couple of the upcoming meetings. You can also plan to come out to our Golf outing in May as well as Atlanta for the [Convention](#) at the end of September. I hope to see you there.