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PROPOSED CHANGES TO NATIONAL BUILDING & PLUMBING CODES NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Canadian Codes Centre of the National Research Council (NRC) has announced that proposed changes to the 2005 National Building Code (NBC) and National Plumbing Code (NPC) are now available for public review. These proposed changes would apply to the next edition of the codes, which are due to be released as the 2010 NBC and NPC.

By visiting http://www.nationalcodes.ca/publicreview/2008/index_e.shtml, you can learn more about the review process, including how to submit comments on the approval, alteration or rejection of technical changes. All comments for alteration or rejection should provide detailed rationale. There are 466 changes to the NBC and 57 to the NPC.

Of special interest to those associated with *hydronic heating*, changes include:

The addition of CSA B214 (Installation Code for Hydronic Heating Systems) as an enforceable standard to the NBC via the insertion of *9.33.4.2 Heating System Control*:

http://www.nationalcodes.ca/publicreview/2008/indices/pcfs/NBC05-09.33.04.02.-insert-HSB-B214_OK_ed.pdf Also via *6.2.1.4 Installation Standards*

http://www.nationalcodes.ca/publicreview/2008/indices/Technical_NBC_DivB_06_02_e.shtml

The addition of the CHC Handbook on Hydronic Heating Systems to be included in section *9.33.4.1(1) Design of Heating and Air Conditioning Systems* as a best practice:

[http://www.nationalcodes.ca/publicreview/2008/indices/pcfs/NBC05-09.33.04.01.\(01\)-HSB-Hydronics_OK_ed.pdf](http://www.nationalcodes.ca/publicreview/2008/indices/pcfs/NBC05-09.33.04.01.(01)-HSB-Hydronics_OK_ed.pdf)

Of special interest to those associated with *fuel-burning appliances*, changes include the alteration of the definition of the term “mechanically vented” in Division A under *1.4.1.2 Defined Terms*:

[http://www.nationalcodes.ca/publicreview/2008/indices/pcfs/NBC05-Div.%20A-01.04.01.02.\(01\)-HSB-mech-vent-accepted%20by%20Exec_ed.pdf](http://www.nationalcodes.ca/publicreview/2008/indices/pcfs/NBC05-Div.%20A-01.04.01.02.(01)-HSB-mech-vent-accepted%20by%20Exec_ed.pdf)

Of special interest to those involved in *plumbing*, there are proposed changes to water pipe sizing and the inclusion of CSA B128 (Design and Installation of Non-Potable Water Systems/Maintenance and Field Testing of Non-Potable Water Systems)

http://www.nationalcodes.ca/publicreview/2008/indices/Technical_NPC_DivB_02_e.shtml

The Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating encourages you to ask your technical staff to review all code changes that affect your business and submit your comments (including positive comments) to NRC via their web site. The public review process ends on November 28, 2008.

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