

Code Forum Minutes
November 10, 2009

1. How do you ensure that the plans your field inspectors see on site are the same you reviewed in the office?
Stamp each page and make sure that the field set matches the City set. We felt it is important to have them stamped with; "Reviewed for Code Compliance". Not with the word Approved.
2. Do site built windows (commercial buildings) really meet what is called out on. If not, what are we doing about it?
Section 102.1.3 of the Energy Code requires that all windows, doors and skylights shall be in accordance with NFRC 100 (National Fenestration Rating Council) by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer. The site built windows seem to be the ones that are getting missed the most. The rating is available from laboratories, but it is up to someone to force the issue and make sure the window is rated.
3. Should the Utah Chapter take a position on whether the individuals doing plan reviews hold a current certification from ICC as a plans examiner? Are certifications as a plans examiner in plumbing, electrical, and mechanical also necessary? What about state licensure?
It was suggested to take it to the Board to discuss and send/bring it to the membership for their opinion.
4. Do we require permits on retaining walls? At what point is engineering required. How are inspections of rock walls conducted?

All of us did require permits on walls over 4 feet from bottom of footing to top of wall. They do require engineering and there were several ways to accomplish the inspection. It was done by building inspectors by some and the designing engineer writing a compliance letter by others.

Next month's meeting will be held on December 8, 2009. We will be talking about energy efficiencies in residential buildings. Specifically, what do we require on plans, what information needs to be submitted. Many of you mentioned that starting in 2010 you were going to start requiring more info. My hope is to see if we can reach consensus on what we as building departments will require. I rally think this is an opportunity for us to all get on the same page and make sure that the houses being built truly meet the requirement in the current IRC.