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**DOE releases ASHRAE 90.1–2004 Determination,
Public meetings convene soon to analyze ASHRAE 90.1–2007,
Paves way for “Safe Harbor” under 2006 & 2009 IECC Editions.**

Under a ruling issued by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and published in The Federal Register Dec. 30, 2008, the DOE has determined that the 2004 edition of ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1 would achieve greater energy efficiency in commercial buildings, than the 1999 edition of the Standard.

Such a determination clears the way for establishing the 2006 *International Energy Conservation Code*® (IECC®) a *safe harbor* for 90.1-2004 equivalence under the Energy Conservation and Production Act, (ECPA, Pub. L. 94-385), as amended under the federal Energy Policy Act. The Act requires all states to certify that their commercial building energy code meets the requirements in Standard 90.1-2004 or on the basis of equivalence. States, counties and jurisdictions enforcing the 2006 IECC, already recognize the 90.1-2004 Standard

2009. Please see the announcement issued by the DOE and published in The Federal Register Jan. 23, 2008 for more information.

The 2009 edition of the *International Energy Conservation Code* (IECC), the national model energy code of choice for states and cities that adopt codes, is available now from the International Code Council. The IECC is the only *I-Code* tied to federal law as determined by Congress and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) through the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (PL 102-486) as amended, and the only energy code that also serves as the basis for federal tax credits for energy efficient homes^a, energy efficiency standards for federal residential buildings^b and manufactured housing^c, and state energy code determinations.

Adopted at the state and local level in 39 states and Washington, D.C. for commercial buildings, and in 30 states and Washington, D.C. for residential buildings, an *IECC* adoption reflects the national renown of the *IECC* as extension of the codes chosen by most U.S. cities, counties, and states that adopt codes.

To purchase your copy of the 2006 *IECC* or 2009 *IECC* and other International Codes, please visit www.iccsafe.org/2009icodes.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

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^a §1333, Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109 58 (2005)

^b §305(a), Energy Conservation & Production Act, Pub. L. 94 385 (1976)

^c §413 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) Pub. L. 110 140 and HUD's Manufactured Home Construction & Safety Standards (24 CFR 3280)