



# Code Committee Update – October 2024

**New Topic(s): Code to Cost Savings project in 2025. Stay tuned**

**On Going Topics – updates in Bold:**

- WI Plumbing Code: New Plumbing Code in effect as of Oct 1, 2023. See the December 2023 and April 2024 Update for information on plumbing inspections
- Wisconsin Commercial Building Code ICC Updates:  
The State of Wisconsin will continue to use the 2015 IBC at this time. Details available at: [https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/all/cr\\_23\\_007](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/all/cr_23_007)
- DHS Update – No Updates
- FGI
  - 2022 editions: No adoption updates yet
  - 2026 editions: Work starting in December 2022
- CMS Update: No Updates
- NFPA
  - 101 and 99 – 2024 Editions Final editions are published. No updates on AHJ (CMS, DHS or AO) adoption.
  - NFPA standards are in the 2026 revision cycle. This includes NFPA 13 and 72 and numerous other standards. Stay tuned for opportunities for input. We need to help create codes and standards that keep people safe, are based on good data and experience and not a cost burden.
- AO Survey Information. Thanks to Stephanie Angst, Skip Kraiss, and Matt Malmin, we have collected a ton of info on recent surveys from CMS, DNV, TJC, etc. Look for that info at: <https://www.whea.com/wp-content/uploads/documents/CodeCommitteeDocs/Copy-of-WHEA-Survey-Repository-Deficiency-Spreadsheet-v2.pdf>

How can you help make this even better? Let us know:

Who's your AO?

What's your survey cycle?

And then share your survey results. It's all confidential. Send info to:

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Thanks in advance for helping create a tool to help all of our members prep for Accreditation Surveys

• **TJC (The Joint Commission) Update**

**At the WHEA annual conference we had a Joint Commission update, below is points that were brought up during the meeting. Thanks Charlie Johnson – SSM Health for this update.**

- **#1 EC or LS cite in US is related to eyewash stations.**
- **3% of all cites were high likelihood across all scopes (no IJ EC or LS cites in 2023 and YTD 2024).**

- Top 5 cites: kitchen fire hoods, fire doors not latching, high dusting (scored at EC 02.06.01 EP 20), stained ceiling tiles/intact ceiling membrane, eyewash stations.
- “Corrected on site” will no longer be used on reports, it’s expected that it will be corrected, and responsiveness is nice, but it is required.
- He spoke about direct observation validation surveys: LS engineers are scoring north of 90% compliance/acceptance.
- He spoke briefly about the no notice survey process and did say that all surveys are caught up now so the LS Engineer will now be arriving with the clinical surveyors all of the time; this doesn’t apply to the survey start date (i.e. the engineer for a two day survey may or may not come the first day of a 4 day survey but will come during that time)
- The EC and LS chapters are being rewritten to more closely align with the CoPs and NFPA texts and that rewrite will include no more EC or LS chapter divisions, what that will look like and when that will happen is TBD but it has been announced to hospital executives; it will look something like 3 EPs for each CoP unless there is not enough details in a specific CoP (e.g. WPV and water management) lots more details to follow but the applicable CFR is 482.41
- The sustainability certification survey is virtual and optional.
- PLO staff competency: manager/director competency will be reviewed in the HR session; staff and vendor will be evaluated by the LS engineer review during document review.
- Vendor ITM competency reviews: fire alarm, med gas, fire door
- Any additional local AHJ competency requirements for staff and/or vendors (e.g. stationary engineer, boiler operator, backflow prevention)
- He reviewed the SIG process and follow up answer process including facilitating conference calls with multiple surveyors and SIG with the hospital folks.
- He also took questions:
  - Q: frequency of CMS direct observation surveys A; TJC knows, surveyed hospitals will not until time of survey
  - Q: what do we produce for vendor qualifications e.g. Fire Door Solutions A: report should show a license or certification number or training certificate to a certain process
  - Q: what about PLO staff doing the same work A: same thing in their HR record
  - Q: what about management plans in the EC chapter rewrite A: there will be no more management plan requirements in the new rewrite