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**TO: CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES COMMISSION
MEMBERS AND INDUSTRY**

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**SUBJECT: 2009 CODE ADOPTION- ITEMS TO BE
RECONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING**

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ITEMS TO BE RECONSIDERED AT PUBLIC HEARING:

Section R401.4 & R403.1.3.2 International Residential Code

- Per a request made by Commissioner Brogdon at the July 30, 2010 Construction Industries Commission meeting, provide language clarification regarding the following:
 - R401.4 Soil Tests
 - R 403.1.3.2 Monolithic Foundations

Section 503 International Energy Conservation Code

CID Recommendations to the CIC:

- Per the public hearing process, provide language clarification regarding the responsible party for building purges and testing and balancing requirements.
- Proceed to public hearing on the proposed language changes.
 - 503.2.9.1.1 Test and balance plan. This proposed change specifies that the design/construction professional will determine the testing means to verify building purge requirements.
 - 503.2.9.1.3 Functional performance testing. This proposed addition is intended to clarify that the design/construction professional shall determine the criteria and method for performance testing.
 - 503.2.9.1.3.3 Economizer Functional Testing. This section is proposed to be deleted. All equipment must be installed to manufacturer specifications.
 - 503.2.9.3.4 Final Report. This section is proposed to be deleted due to its redundancy. A test & balance report is already required in Section 503.2.9.1.4.

Section 506 International Energy Conservation Code

CID Recommendations to the CIC:

- Per the public hearing process, provide language clarification regarding the options for meeting compliance.
- Proceed to public hearing on the proposed language changes.

Mechanical:

- 506.2 Efficient Mechanical Equipment. This proposed addition is intended to accommodate the replacement of existing equipment where it is impractical to retrofit new split systems. Package units would be exempt from the upgrade req.

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- 506.2 1-3. Lower the proposed SEER requirement of 15 to the maximum standard readily available through major equipment suppliers.
- Table 506.2 (4). This proposed addition is intended to allow for the continued use of combination units often used in New Mexico that are not manufactured with a 90% efficiency.

OTHER ISSUES:

Section R313 International Residential Code - Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems

- CID/CIC are in the process of establishing a task force to address the underlying concerns of safety, cost and practicality in rural portions of New Mexico. At least 12 other states are taking the same action.