

1303 Radon Code Committee Meeting

12/13/11

Call to Order:

Don Sivigny the committee chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. He opened the meeting by reminding all committee members that we must maintain professional etiquette when discussing code proposals.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Don Sivigny Committee Chair – Representing the Department of Labor and industry
Herman Hauglid Co-Chair – Representing the Department of Labor and Industry
Karen Linner, Builders Association of the Twin Cities (BATC)
Steve Noble, Builders Association of Minnesota (BAM)
Rick Davidson, Association of Minnesota Building Officials (AMBO Alternate)
Doug Determan, Association of Minnesota Building Officials (AMBO)
Josh Kerber, Minnesota Department of Health (Alternate)
Josh Miller, Minnesota Department of Health

Committee Members or alternates not in Attendance:

James Vagle, Builders Association of the Twin Cities (BATC)

Guests in Attendance:

None

Introduction of Code Changes, Committee Discussion and Consensus Results:

1303 - #1A Proposal to rewrite the Scope to clarify that these requirements apply to new dwellings constructed under 1309 of the Minnesota State Building Code. The exception originally proposed was also removed. Submitted by Rick Davidson (AMBO)

After considerable discussion, the advisory committee has reached the consensus in favor of moving this recommendation forward.

1303 - #8A This proposal was submitted to provide a more prescriptive direction for the installation of the Sub-membrane preparation. Submitted by Rick Davidson (AMBO)

After considerable discussion within the committee, they reached the consensus in favor of supporting this change.

1303 - #9A Proposal was re-submitted from the last meeting to provide a more prescriptive direction for the installation of the “Gas Permeable Material”. Submitted by Rick Davidson (AMBO)

After lengthy discussion, the committee reached the consensus in favor of supporting this change.

1303 - #11A (Was discussed prior to 10 A in anticipation that the proponent would withdraw in favor of 10 a with a friendly amendment) Proposal to modify the prescriptive language for “Soil-Gas Membrane. Submitted by Josh Kerber, Minnesota Department of Health.

This proposal was withdrawn by the author

1303 - #10A Part 1 Proposal to modify the prescriptive language for “Soil-Gas Membrane so it provides more direction. Submitted by Rick Davidson (AMBO)
After extensive discussion within the committee, the members reached a consensus in support of this change.

1303 - #10A Part 2 Proposal to modify the language for “Soil-Gas Membrane found in Propoas #11 for addition to proposal 10A. Submitted by Josh Kerber, Minnesota Department of Health.

After extensive discussion within the committee a consensus was reached in support of this proposal.

1303 - #10A Part 3 Proposal to modify the language for “Sub-membrane Preparation” found in Proposal 10A by adding the modified sentence from 10 Part 2 to 10A. Submitted by Josh Kerber, Minnesota Department of Health

After extensive discussion within the committee, the members reached a consensus in support of this change.

1303 - #12A Proposal to modify the language found under the heading “Requirements for Passive Depressurization System”. Specifically the requirements for “Floor Openings”. Submitted by Rick Davidson (AMBO)

After discussion within the committee, the committee reached a consensus in favor of this proposal.

1303 - #13A Proposal to modify the language found under the heading “Requirements for Passive Depressurization System”. Specifically the language for “Entry Routes” Submitted by Josh Kerber, Minnesota Department of Health.

After discussion within the committee, the committee reached a consensus in favor of this proposal.

1303 - #15A Proposal was withdrawn by the author Rick Davidson

1303 - #16A Proposal to modify the language found under the heading “Requirements for Passive Depressurization System”. Specifically the language for “Sumps”. Submitted by Josh Kerber, Minnesota Department of Health.

After committee discussion a consensus was reached to support this change.

IRC #17A Proposal to modify the language found under the heading “Requirements for Passive Depressurization System”. Specifically the language for “Foundation Walls”. Submitted by Rick Davidson (AMBO).

After discussion within the committee, they reached the consensus which would support this change. However, they wanted to change the arrangement of the language slightly, by moving the last sentence of the proposal to the beginning of the paragraph so it reads “Penetrations of all foundation walls types shall be sealed”. Hallow block.....

IRC #19 Proposal to modify the language found under the heading “Requirements for Active Depressurization System”. Specifically the language found in #1.

After lengthy committee discussion they were not able to come to a consensus on this matter.

IRC #20 Proposal to add language found under the heading “Requirements for Passive Depressurization System”. Specifically the author would like to add language to the “Entry Routes” provisions for “DRAIN TILE” specifically adding this language between the heading for “SUMPS” and “FOUNDATION WALLS”.

This proposal was “Tabled” until the next meeting.

IRC #21 Proposal to modify the language found in the charging statement under the heading “Requirements for Passive Depressurization Systems, by adding language relating to preparing the home for the installation of a post-construction active radon mitigation system. Submitted by Karen Linner (BATC)

Committee reached a consensus in support of this change.

Don Sivigny Closing Comments:

Don reminded committee members that our next meeting will be exactly one week from this meeting. Any proposals must be submitted within the guidelines of Department Policy. Don did inform them that he extended the due time to 11:59 P.M. which would still be within the Department’s policy, however it would allow them time to submit any proposals they may wish to submit. The committee asked if there was a possibility of extending that time frame for submittals out a day or two more. Don indicated that a decision to do that would need to come from someone above him since it would violate department policy and he has no authority to do that. Don also indicated he would bring the request forward on behalf of the committee and let the committee know

Meeting Closed. 12:53 P.M.