WORKING WITH CODE OFFICIALS
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Be Prepared!

- Know Your Area!
- Do you need a Permit?
- Which code or code version is used?
- Who are your inspectors?
Be Prepared!

- Know the Code!

- Read the code or codes in place for your area of work.

- Confused, any questions, get help!
Be Prepared!

- Review the code on a regular basis!

- Several changes to the code are coming in the near future which may the installation methods or requirements.
Be Prepared!

- Code changes that were recently adopted.

- NFPA 275 – Method to qualify thermal barriers over foam plastics
Be Prepared!

- Code changes that were recently adopted.

- Energy Code changes based on the DOE updated proposal package.
Be Prepared!

- Code changes that were recently adopted.
- Sprinkler requirements for new residential constructions
Be Prepared!

- Does your product have an ICC-ESR report?
- Read the report!
- Any questions, get help!
Be Prepared!

- Does your product, your code requirements and your intended application all work together for your job?

- Any questions, get help!
Be Proactive!

- Try to meet and talk to your inspector BEFORE you apply for your permit.

- Is the inspector foam friendly?
Be Proactive!

- If your inspector is not foam friendly determine what the issues are.

- Is there testing or reports that address the issues, if so, present them.
Occasionally issues arise after the application. What happens then?

First, remember that the inspector is just like you, trying to do a good job.
Issues AFTER the application or during inspection

- A calm discussion to identify the issues and determine what is needed to resolve them will make the process go much easier.

- Get the requested materials, or test results, and any additional assistance and try to work through the issue.
Where to get help and additional information

- Call your manufacturer.
- Check with SPFA
- Review the following websites for additional information
Where to get help and additional information

- Websites –
  - Bcap-energy.org
  - Energycodes.gov/implement/pdf/codes101.pdf
  - ICC-ES.org
QUESTIONS?