

# 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.



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- Code changes that were recently adopted.
- NFPA 275 – Method to qualify thermal barriers over foam plastics



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- Code changes that were recently adopted.
- Energy Code changes based on the DOE updated proposal package.



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



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



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- 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.



# Issues AFTER the application or during inspection

- 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



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- Websites –

- [Bcap-energy.org](http://Bcap-energy.org)

- [Energycodes.gov/implement/pdf/codes101.pdf](http://Energycodes.gov/implement/pdf/codes101.pdf)

- [ICC-ES.org](http://ICC-ES.org)



QUESTIONS?

