



Building Code Committee Report to the Board 2019 Annual Meeting

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[Spray Polyurethane Foam Insulation \(SPFI\) survey](#) and [SPFI white paper](#) have been posted on the website. Both the survey and white paper address the challenges with inspecting structures where spray polyurethane foam insulation (SPFI) has been installed without an inspection window.

22 states responded to the survey, 5 states have received SPFI complaints, only one enforcement action taken, enforcement action involved inaccessible area on a WDI report, 4 states reference building codes in pesticide regulations and 3 states have either building codes or pesticide regulations that require inspection gaps.

Other committee resources available are the notice of restriction letters from manufactures addressing aerating fumigants from structures where SPFI has been installed.

The committee has secured a membership with the International Code Council (ICC). The International Code Council develops construction and public safety codes through a governmental consensus process. Participation in the development of the codes, including code hearings, is open to all at no cost. Annual meeting of ICC in October.

Other topics of interest to the BCC

- Challenges with state certification regulations and installation of insulation products registered as pesticides. Should the applicator installing the insulation be licensed? Perhaps state certification plans could address this with a limited use category. Could insulation installation experience equate to pesticide application?
- Continued challenges with building construction practices and misconceptions or disregard for structural pests.

Submitted by Grant Bishop, Committee Chair