

Notice

The implementation of the 2008 National Electrical Code on July 1, 2009, raised a question concerning the edition of the NEC (2005 or 2008) that may be used as a reference for the 2006 International Residential Code. The question addressed by the Building Codes Council was based on the language of the preamble for Chapter 33 of the IRC, which states the requirements of the chapter are based on the 2005 NEC.

The Council reviewed the language of the preamble along with the applicable state law and concluded that the 2008 NEC is the current electrical code as required by state law and was duly adopted and implemented. Council also agreed that two editions of the same code cannot be valid for use at the same time.

Therefore, it is the Council's opinion that:

- * Construction of single and two family residences, including all related systems must be in compliance with the IRC; and,

- * If a specific issue is not addressed in the electrical section of the IRC, the 2008 NEC may be used.