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MIACCA December Newsletter

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Update



Skilled Trades Rule Set Open for Input

The [Skilled Trades Regulation rule set](#) is now open, and LARA is seeking input for the following rule sets: [Board of Boiler Rules/Code](#), [Board of Mechanical Rules](#), Building Officials, Plan Reviewers and Inspectors Rules, Electrical Administrative Board General Rules, and State Plumbing Board License Rules. For your convenience, attached is the [Proposed Rule/Code Change Request form](#). The current rule sets affected can be reviewed at [Administrative Rules webpage](#). Proposals for this rule set must be submitted to LARA-BCC-Rules@michigan.gov by 5:00pm on Friday, December 20, 2019. Updates to the rule set's status will be posted on our website.

If you wish to submit your comments through MIACCA, please email them to mjdsmith@miacca.org by Friday, December 13, 2019.

Encourage Code Officials to Reject Energy Code Proposal RE112

Requires Duct Leak Testing in Conditioned Spaces

There are issues pending before the International Code Council (ICC) that will negatively impact HVACR contractors. If you know your local code officials, ACCA needs you to contact them and ask them to vote for Disapproval (D) on Proposal RE112.

During recent code change hearings for the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), proposal RE112 was approved, which would delete the current exception for leak testing ducts located within the thermal envelope, and instead require that they be tested to pass an allowable leakage rate of equal to or less than 8 CFM per 100 square feet of conditioned floor area. ACCA opposed this proposal, along with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC).

ACCA argued that the code currently requires ducts to be constructed per industry duct construction standards, designed and sized per ACCA Manual D® (Residential Duct Systems) to deliver the needed air based on ACCA Manual J® (Residential Load Calculation). ACCA also noted that there is no need to test a system that is located entirely inside of conditioned space, because any leakage would go into the conditioned space of dwellings. Despite our efforts the above proposal narrowly passed.

The International Code Council (ICC) is currently conducting an online vote of these proposals that ends on December 6, 2019. Only ICC Governmental Member Voting Representatives – local

& state code officials, fire officials, and state energy officials - are allowed to cast votes for the proposals that will determine the next edition of the IECC. Tell your voting representatives to log-on to the ICC website at www.cdpassess.com/login/ to cast their votes by December 6, 2019.

Ask your state & local code officials to vote for Disapproval (D) on Proposal RE112.

Code of Conduct Concerns due December 23, 2019

When MIACCA met with MPSC Staff, they asked MIACCA to advise them of any concerns we might have regarding the 2018 VAPS reports. If any MIACCA members have concerns with the 2018 VAPS Annual Reports complying with the [Code of Conduct](#) please submit those concerns to MIACCA by December 23.

You may review the most up to date Code of Conduct reports and forms at <https://miacca.org/Code-of-Conduct>

MPSC Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) Posts 2020 Michigan Energy Measures Database

The final 2020 Michigan Energy Measures Database (MEMD) [is now posted online](#). In addition, agendas and presentation from each of the EWR Collaborative's monthly meetings are available at [the EWR Collaborative website](#).

Board of Mechanical Rules cancels November meeting

Out of the four meeting dates, this calendar year, the Board of Mechanical Rules only held one in August. These meetings are an important and MIACCA encourages the board to become more engaged by submitting their own comments for the proposed rule changes, reviewing the mechanical licensing test questions, and providing other industry specific leadership.

HB 5164 Open for Comment

[HB 5164](#) is currently in the House Regulatory Reform Standing Committee and open for any comments. This is concerning the Boiler Inspection Requirements. You may send your comments directly to MIACCA for submission at mjdsmith@miacca.org

Statewide Mechanical Permit Update

MIACCA is still pursuing our proposed Statewide Mechanical Permit. MIACCA has now gained the support of the Home Builders Association of Michigan along with the Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association. We are still waiting to hear from the Michigan Electrical Contractors for their input and support

We will continue to keep you posted on our progress.

MIACCA thanks those who participated in Project Service Day

MIACCA held its Project Service Day in Grand Rapids on November 2nd. With the help of our volunteers we were able to provide furnace inspections for low income homes and outreach organizations. Also students from FSU and GRCC were able to shadow techs and gain valuable hands on experience.

We would like to thank the following companies for volunteering:



A very special Thank You to Johnstone Supply Muskegon Group who graciously supplied parts that day.



Message from President

Bill Krestakos



It seems we have made it through another great year. Winter is upon us and as we all know, it is time to check the furnace.

As you may know, we just finished our Project Service Days helping our community, but we must not forget that each of our clients need similar inspections.

Why not call each of your customers and make sure that they are all set for winter before the real Michigan cold sets in?

Thanks again to everyone who works with and supports MIACCA.

As always stay safe and keep up the great work!

MIACCA'S RAP Program a Success!

With the implementation of our Report All Permits (RAP) form on our website, we have had anonymous tips from individuals on mechanical work being done that is visible from the street or otherwise provable to the enforcing agency. MIACCA takes these tips directly to the jurisdiction and files a FOIA request on behalf of the submission. We have found in instances that in fact permits had not been pulled.

Help keep our industry honest! If you suspect work was completed with no permit, let MIACCA investigate by completing our [RAP Form](#)

Product Spotlight Ceiling Cassettes

When homeowners hear the phrase “ductless heat pump” a certain image may come to mind: the classic, wall-mounted indoor unit. These units are stylish and efficient, but often, homeowners and builders forget the full range of indoor unit options available to them.

Enter the ceiling cassette. Part of our [Zoned Comfort Solutions®](#) line, our two ductless ceiling cassette options fit seamlessly into the ceiling of any home.

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Pest Management Benefits of Energy Efficiency

Maintaining the envelop of a building is important for improving energy efficiency. [Visit this online resource](#) from Chicago-based **Elevate Energy** to learn how a well-sealed building can also prevent pest infestation and related problems such as asthma, allergies, and other various diseases. Consider including this as part of your value proposition to potential customers.



Drive S.A.F.E.R

2,440,000 injured and 35,092 dead. Those are the statistics from our nation's highways in 2015 as a result of motor vehicle traffic crashes. These are family members, friends, and neighbors.

Distracted driving continues to be an epidemic, but it is not the only factor in vehicle crashes. There are three other major causes: speed, fatigue, and emotion, which are

CLASHES. THERE ARE THREE OTHER MAJOR CAUSES, SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND EMOTION, WHICH ARE EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS.

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Online Membership Renewal Payments Appreciated!

With many MIACCA memberships being renewed this month, we wanted to thank those who have used our online payment system. This saves many administrative hours, postage and copies.

Please take a moment to check your inbox for our automated invoices that you can pay with securely online or print off and send in a check.

MIACCA appreciates your support!

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member
yet?**

**Contact us today and
find out how you can
join and get involved!**

**Join today at
miacca.org**

MIACCA's CSD-1 Training is NATE Certified

MIACCA is Michigan's best resource for CSD-1 training. Our instructor, Phil Forner, is incredibly knowledgeable and engaging. We provide those who successfully complete our one day course with a CSD-1 certification. Our CSD-1 training is also one of a few that is also NATE Certified.

If you need CSD-1 training for your organization, please contact us so that we may get you on our 2020 schedule.

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