



Home Builders Association of Georgia

RAC UPDATE

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NO New Construction Codes for 2019

New Editions of 2015 Energy Code(IECC), 2018 IRC (Residential) and 2018 IBC (Building) will become effective January 1, 2020

- HBAG had a major role. Costs over the original Energy Code have reduced by over \$7000. Having the Energy and Residential Code become effective at the same time gives more options to the builders.
- Training sessions will be available thru 2019. HBAG working DCA on dates.

2018 Plumbing and Swimming Pool Task Force (IPC&ISPSC) is underway

- Metro North Georgia Water District has submitted proposals for additional low-flow faucets and showerheads. More than in Water Efficiency Act.
- Because of concerns with flow restrictions around the state, HBAG led the discussion that these items need to be a part of Governor's Kemp package on Water Wars with Florida.
- Effective Date of new Plumbing Code will be also be January 2020

New NPDES Permit(s) for Construction Stormwater Effective August 1, 2018

- The only change is to require for the electronic filings of Notices of Intent, Termination and obtained through the mandatory electronic submittal.
 - <https://epd.georgia.gov/npdes-construction-storm-water-general-permits>
- New checklists for 2019 are available at Georgia Soil & Water
 - <http://gaswcc.org.georgia.gov/technical-guidelines>

OSHA – SILICA - stepped up inspections and enforcement for Silica exposure.

- OSHA requires employers to take steps and have a plan to protect workers from exposure. Excellent guidelines are on NAHB website:
- <https://www.nahb.org/en/research/safety/silica-in-construction-toolkit.aspx>

SEPTIC SYSTEMS – “Manual” for on-site waste systems being rewritten.

- George McClure, HBAG Past President, helped write the Manual for On-Site Waste. George is on the TRC (Technical Review Committee)
- HBAG needs data – need to know if there are problems obtaining septic tank permits, length of time. Need to know which county.

LEAD PAINT – RRP RULE – EPD has begun checking on renovations for houses built prior to 1978. Guidelines at <http://epd.georgia.gov/lead-basedpaint>

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Bettie Sleeth, Regulatory Affairs Consultant at bsleeth@hbag.org or 678-468-9900.