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ASHRAE Proposes Changes

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From The Editor

If you are a regular reader of this newsletter you know that the ASHRAE Standard 189.1 for High Performance Green Buildings is undertaking a reorganization to make the standard and the resulting International Green Construction Code (IGCC) more adoptable. As part of this work the Project Committee recently voted on a number of addenda to mark specific provisions of the standard as ones that might be suitable for a jurisdiction to exclude if they are trying to create a minimum green building code. These so-called "above-core" provisions are found in all of the substantive sections of the standard. To learn more and download a copies of these addenda, [read the ASHRAE announcement](#) and check out the article below.

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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

The first two links below are part of a short series on resilience. The third link below talks about one of the other, often forgotten, legs of the sustainability stool - society. ~Tina

An Introduction to Resilience

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What do climate change and cybersecurity have in common? Both are threats to our well-being, becoming more prevalent, and can be addressed through resilience. [Read more.](#)

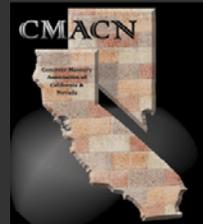
Plan for Building Resilience

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The previous post introduced the concept of resilience as it applies to infrastructure and disaster relief. To continue this theme, let's look at what organizations are doing to encourage resilient building strategies. [Read more.](#)

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CODES and STANDARDS NEWS

ASHRAE 189.1 Proposes New Structure for Code

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If you are a regular reader of *Sustainability E-News* you know that ASHRAE 189.1 has been working toward making the code a tiered one with core and "above core" provisions that a jurisdiction can select to not enforce. The public review for those addenda has begun. Most have a 30 day review but some are 45 days. [Click here](#) to learn more and download the proposals.

Building Codes: The Foundation for a Resilient Nation

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The devastation brought by natural disasters is all too prominent in today's media. Deaths, injuries and property loss demonstrate the fragility of communities in the face of these events. Increased community resilience provides a mechanism to lessen the impact of these events and assure that communities can continue to thrive. The Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR), a subsidiary of the International Code Council (ICC), identified 19 areas that represent the essential functions communities provide. [Read more.](#)

Earthen Floors Improve Health

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EDUCATIONAL NEWS

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