



January 3, 2011

Mr. Richard P. Weiland
ICC Codes & Standards Development
Chicago District Office
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Dear Mr. Weiland,

The Solar Energy Industries Association is a new member of the International Code Council and we thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to the ICC's first International Green Construction Code. The IGCC represents another key step in the ICC's development of codes that recognize the importance of environmentally-friendly construction and the increased use of renewable energy technologies.

SEIA is the national trade association for the solar industry. Through advocacy and education, SEIA is working to build a strong solar industry to power America. As the voice of the industry, SEIA works with its 1,000 member companies to make solar a mainstream and significant energy source by expanding markets, removing market barriers, strengthening the industry, and educating the public on the benefits of solar energy. SEIA represents solar companies across a variety of solar energy technologies, including photovoltaic, solar water heating, and concentrating solar power. SEIA members include manufacturers, distributors, contractors, installers, financiers, and project developers of solar energy.

As the solar industry continues its rapid growth, building codes and standards have become increasingly important to the industry. The solar industry experienced dramatic growth in 2010. For example, through September 2010, more than 135,000 photovoltaic systems were installed in the U.S.

We look forward utilizing the ICC process as an avenue to address issues related to building codes and fire safety, and to ensure the safe deployment of solar energy technologies.

If you have any questions about these comments, please do not hesitate to contact Christine Covington at (202) 556-2894 or ccovington@seia.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel M. Adamson".

Daniel M. Adamson
Vice President, Government Affairs