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**Construction Industries Commission Adopts
2009 Energy Conservation Standards**
Process Begins To Adopt New Mexico-Specific Codes

ALBUQUERQUE – State Construction Industries Commission today adopted new energy conservation standards that meet federal guidelines outlined in the 2009 International Energy Conservation Codes. In addition to adopting the 2009 federal standards, the Commission also began the process of adopting certain New Mexico-specific standards that acknowledge the state's unique cultural and architectural heritage.

“This Commission is committed to adopting and implementing commonsense and sensible energy conservation standards that meet all federal standards with specific additions that embrace New Mexico's uniqueness,” said Commission Chairman Randy Baker. “While adopting this new code, we also want to ensure we create a level playing field for businesses in New Mexico and not be hamstrung with unnecessary and burdensome standards that affect our economic growth.”

State Regulation and Licensing Superintendent J. Dee Dennis, Jr. praised the Commission's decision to act quickly on adopting the Energy Code despite allegations of authorized revisions and changes made to the Code after it was adopted by the previous Commission in 2010.

“I applaud the Commission for its leadership in putting New Mexicans first,” Dennis said. “The Commission made the right decision in adopting the new Energy Code and setting a clear direction for the construction industry in New Mexico.”

In the next few months, the Commission plans to review and adopt additional energy conservation standards that are specific to New Mexico. These standards were discussed during several public hearings held across the state.

The Commission also reviewed allegations of unauthorized revisions and changes made to the Energy Code in 2010 after it was officially adopted by the previous Commission. This included the addition of sections, tables, and words that substantively changed the code's content

“This was a total breakdown of process to follow the law,” Dennis said. “In the haste to adopt the Code in 2010, important and necessary oversight functions

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were ignored by the previous administration, resulting in a fatal process where results became the focus of the process instead of focusing on the actual process.”

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