

April 15, 2015

Mr. David Siegel  
Builders Association of the Twin Cities  
2960 Centre Pointe Drive  
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Dear Mr. Siegel,

Our director of Construction Codes and Licensing (CCLD), Scott McLellan, updated me on your recent email and conversation regarding some new thoughts on performance-based compliance with the new energy code and HF 1977.

We recognize that your member association is interested in complying with the new energy code in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible. We also realize that the new home building market is highly competitive and influenced by numerous economic factors. We applaud the fact you want to find and guard innovative ways of achieving cost-effective compliance.

Mr. McClellan says you are pursuing another means of performance-based compliance with the energy code, one that may be more straight-forward and less subject to controversy. However, I understand it is one that will take a commitment of resources on your end including time and money, to develop software specific to Minnesota's energy code. According to him, you would like a commitment from DLI to support your efforts. I assure you that the Department will do whatever it can to assist you and your staff in understanding what is necessary to achieve compliance with the energy code in a performance-based approach. Through CCLD staff, we will also work to communicate your final product to the state's building code enforcement community, perhaps even through some joint training events.

Again, we appreciate the BATC's commitment to code compliance. If you or your staff has questions or concerns about our codes, don't hesitate to contact Scott McLellan or one of his staff.

Sincerely,



Ken Peterson  
Commissioner

Cc: Representative Bob Vogel  
Scott McLellan, Director – Construction Codes & Licensing