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Nova Scotia Delays Implementation Date of Energy Provisions

The province of Nova Scotia has notified the Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating (CIPH) that the province's Minister of Labour and Workforce Development has postponed the prescription of proposed amendments to the Building Code Regulation. These amendments included proposals addressing energy and water conservation measures in the Codes for the first time.

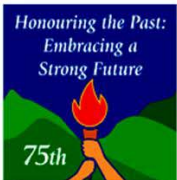
A delay in the prescription will offer the opportunity for the province to:

1. Fine tune all the proposed requirements;
2. Address identified redundancies;
3. Clarify administrative, enforcement, and technical provisions;
4. Address errors identified during the review period;
5. Facilitate:
 - additional training and education opportunities for all sectors,
 - existing inventories to be disposed of in an orderly manner,
 - existing contractual agreements be completed without additional costs, and
 - promote an orderly transition across the industry.

The proposed energy or water revisions are not yet available for CIPH or its membership to review. However, the province will advise CIPH of the public review process as soon as the provisions are available for public consumption. The new draft will endorse an implementation date for the conservation measures of not later than December 31, 2009.

Some stakeholders may be disappointed by any delay to the implementation date however the province agreed that a later date will facilitate enforcement and compliance, and foster positive relations between building officials and the industry into the future.

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