

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**  
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**RCAC DISCUSSES CODE IN DETAIL; ISSUES ITS FIRST FORMAL  
INTERPRETATION**

At its meeting Wednesday, the Residential Construction Advisory Committee (RCAC) addressed numerous questions and potential areas of confusion found in the 2013 RCO. As the Committee is empowered to do, it also sent its first formal code interpretation to the BBS for publication describing how drywall should be installed pursuant to 502.14. The Committee feels the interpretation is effective in clarifying what is expected using technical descriptions, as well as, diagrams. The RCAC is interested in eventually adding photos of the ‘finished product’ installed to use as attachments to further ensure builders and code officials are on the same page.

Also included in the interpretation is information on the approved paths for product approval and a clarification that for people finishing basements under new permits, they will not be required to drywall the balance of the unfinished areas. A note will be added that this drywall requirement will extend “to the alteration area only”.

Throughout the rest of the meeting, the committee members had productive discussion regarding various code issues and decided to research a few further for the April meeting: if and when new energy code requirements are triggered for roof replacement, make-up air for kitchen hoods, requirement of gasket doors on wood fired factory fireplaces, the scope of carbon monoxide inspection requirements.

As a result of Wednesday’s discussion, there will be BBS memos sent out clarifying some of the issues, as well as, a list of errors in the code from publishing mistakes posted on the BBS website, including the ICC mistake requiring egress windows in all basements (Section 310).