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Message from Joe Delaune, Chief Architect, OSFM:

We've been getting a lot of questions lately regarding the status of the code adoptions scheduled for July 1 of this year, here's an update on the current status. Please let your membership know that at this time, the NFPA codes have already been adopted for July 1 implementation. They are published in the May Issue of the Louisiana Register, see pages 968 - 972 in the May edition here for a complete listing: <http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osr/reg/reg2017.aspx> .

The attached memo was distributed and placed on our website (see: http://www.lasfm.org/pr_announcements.htm), however a couple of clarifications may be needed regarding the LSUCCC code adoptions. We will not know the status of the ICC 2015 code adoptions until the Louisiana Register is published on or after June 20th. The LSUCCC is also scheduled to meet next Tuesday for further discussions on this topic.

The changes in the adopted NFPA editions are expected to allow for current means and methods of construction and for the latest tested technology with very few threshold changes. In other words, we have not found anything in the newer editions that will prevent a building that is designed in accordance with the current editions to also comply with the newer editions. More options have been made available in these editions. As such, plans that are submitted to this office on or after July 1st will be reviewed in accordance with the 2015 edition of NFPA 101 and the referenced documents. We expect a smooth transition on July 1st.

[Code Adoptions Memorandum from Office of Louisiana State Fire Marshal](#)