

ENERGY CODES IN THE SOUTHWEST

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UTAH

Utah has adopted the 2015 IECC as its mandatory code. Jurisdictions must update their building codes to align with state adopted codes, and may not modify them unless they receive approval through legislative action. The commercial code is unamended and is on a three-year adoption cycle, while the residential code is modified to be less efficient than the base code and is on a six year adoption cycle.



WYOMING

Wyoming is a home rule state and codes are adopted at the local level. The Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety adopts codes through reference and only as they apply to the International Building Code (IBC). The state adopted the 2015 IBC with reference to other ICC codes with the exception of the IECC in Nov. 2015. The state updates these codes on a three-year cycle. Some local jurisdictions have adopted the IECC including Cheyenne (2015) and Jackson (2012).



NEVADA

Nevada's statewide energy code for new residential and commercial buildings is based on the 2012 IECC. The 2012 IECC became effective in July 2015. Jurisdictions are not mandated to adopt the state code. Clark County, Henderson, Pahrump, Reno, Washoe County, and Sparks are a few jurisdictions that have adopted the 2012 IECC.



COLORADO

Colorado is a home rule state, where mandatory building energy codes are adopted and enforced on a local level. A 2007 law requires all cities and counties with building codes to adopt and enforce at least the 2003 IECC or equivalent. Approximately 60% of all new construction activity in the state occurs in jurisdictions under the 2015 IECC. Information on jurisdictional adoption is at the Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs.



ARIZONA

Arizona is a home rule state, where mandatory building energy codes are adopted and enforced on a local level. Many communities in Arizona have adopted the 2012 IECC, and some the 2015 IECC. Approximately 70% of all new construction activity in the state occurs in jurisdictions under the 2012 or 2015 IECC. Tucson and Pima County released a voluntary Net-Zero Energy Building Code in 2011.



NEW MEXICO

New Mexico has adopted the 2009 IECC as its mandatory, statewide energy code for both residential and commercial construction, effective June 2011. The state, through its Construction Industry Division enforces building codes statewide. Local jurisdictions are allowed to adopt new or more efficient energy codes but must provide their own code enforcement.

