

CCLD REVIEW

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Recent rulemaking and advisory council updates

Building, energy code advisory groups complete work

Technical Advisory Groups for all 2024 model building codes and energy codes for this code cycle have completed their work. The final draft rulemaking is underway and will be presented to the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) for consideration once ready. [View more about Technical Advisory Groups.](#)



Rulemaking for Minnesota Residential Code recommended to proceed

The [Construction Codes Advisory Council](#) has recommended to the commissioner of DLI to proceed with rulemaking for the Minnesota Residential Code, including amendments, to include appendices for straw bale construction, hemp-lime construction and accessory dwelling units.

Council recommends rulemaking for Residential Energy Code

The Construction Codes Advisory Council has recommended to the commissioner of DLI to proceed with rulemaking for the Minnesota Residential Energy Code, including amendments. Topics include a more equitable means to measure building air leakage, an alternative prescriptive compliance path that achieves energy conservation goals using today's market best practices and level-setting among the various compliance pathways.

Single-exit stairway apartment study near completion

DLI will submit to the state legislature a single-exit stairway apartment study for buildings up to 75 feet in height on or before Dec. 31. The study is being followed nationally and internationally because of its fire-safety data-driven risk analysis approach to building safety.

Advisory group to study delegation of code administration for public building, state-licensed facilities

The Construction Codes Advisory Council has convened the [Municipal Delegation Technical Advisory Group](#) to study and make recommendations for rulemaking pertaining to delegation of state building code administration for public buildings and state licensed facilities.

 View more information about [rulemaking and boards and councils at DLI](#).

DLI entering into delegation agreement with Minnesota Department of Health

DLI is entering into a delegation agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) so that MDH can provide plumbing plan review and inspections for work performed by well contractors or limited well/boring contractors who are licensed and bonded (Minnesota Statutes 103I.525 or 103I.531) and who are performing the scope of work outlined in section Minn. Stat. 326B.46, subd. 6. The delegation will be for the exclusive purpose of administering the state plumbing code pertaining specifically to work associated with section 326B.46, subd. 6.

DLI is required by statute to enter into this delegation agreement as a result of a law passed in during the first special session of the legislature in 2025. When the delegation agreement is executed, the licensed contractors referenced above will need to submit plumbing plans to MDH for review and MDH will provide plan review and inspections for compliance with the Minnesota Plumbing Code for the scope of work defined in Minn. Stat. 326B.46, subd. 6.

Schedule of board and council meetings

Below is a schedule of meetings for boards and council supported by CCLD. Visit the [boards and council web page](#) to view meeting minutes, agendas, rulemaking documents and schedules for these meetings and additional boards and councils.

Board of Electricity

- Jan. 15, 2026
- April 14, 2026
- July 14, 2026
- Oct. 13, 2026

Board of High Pressure Piping

- Jan. 8, 2026
- July 9, 2026

Construction Codes Advisory Council

- TBD

Plumbing Board

- Jan. 13, 2026
- Feb. 24, 2026
- March 17, 2026
- April 21, 2026
- July 21, 2026
- Oct. 20, 2026

CCLD to review construction documents, inspect modular construction plants

DLI's Construction Codes and Licensing Division (CCLD) is returning to exclusive authority over construction document review and in-plant inspections of modular construction starting Jan. 2, 2026.

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DLI presents about virtual electrical inspections program

The National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance (NERA) consists of 19 member states that promote reciprocity with member states based on similar, complimentary and interchangeable requirements for licensed individuals through reciprocity agreements between comparable states.

Minnesota was represented at NERA's annual meeting in Boise, Idaho, Aug. 26 to 28, 2025, by Steve Dudley, DLI electrical supervisor.

Virtual electrical inspections

During the meeting, Dudley and Jason Ekholm, DLI virtual inspections

supervisor, presented about and demonstrated a live virtual electrical inspection for the attendees. The successful program makes it fast and easy for contractors and electricians to get inspections completed. Crews use a smartphone or tablet to connect with inspectors by video at the time of project completion or after corrections are made.



State representatives at the annual National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance meeting in Boise, Idaho, including DLI's Steve Dudley, sixth from left.

Since January 2025, DLI has completed nearly 50,000 remote inspections saving more than 67,000 miles of driving and 2,400 staff hours, all while keeping inspection wait times under two hours on most days.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included:

- Tim McClintock from the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) provided an update about the 2026 National Electrical Code.
- Updates about legislative changes from each state in attendance.
- Inspection requirements and numbers of inspectors in various states.
- Minor bylaw changes have been completed and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Staff promote electrical safety at Minnesota schools

Sheldon Monson and Steve Dudley represented DLI at the 2025 Minnesota Educational Facilities Management Professionals Association (MASMS) Conference in St. Cloud in October. This is an annual event that DLI has been participating in for over 10 years.

MASMS is a group of more than 700 individuals who work in the areas of facilities, grounds, health and safety operations for Minnesota schools and higher education institutions.



The trade show floor at the annual MASMS conference.

This event has been beneficial with helping to educate school districts about licensing requirements and assisting schools that are planning to or are performing electrical work within their facilities to help them comply with licensing law. DLI provides outreach to the school districts through presentations and hosts a booth at the trade show. [Read more about electrical safety in Minnesota schools.](#)

Underground telecommunications installer training requirements begin Jan. 1

The commissioner of DLI, in consultation with the Office of Broadband Development, approves the standards for the Safety-Qualified Underground Telecommunications Installer Certification Program (Minn. Stat. 326B.198). This certification requirement applies to the installation of underground telecommunications infrastructure that is located within 10 feet of existing underground utilities or that crosses existing underground utilities. This work must be performed by safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers pursuant to the effective dates outlined in statute.



Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, the installation of underground telecommunications infrastructure subject to Minn. Stat. 326B.198, throughout Minnesota, must be performed by safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers.

Questions?

- [View more information about the program.](#)
- Contact Don Sivigny at 651-284-5874 or don.sivigny@state.mn.us.

Georgia contractor fined for unlicensed work in Minnesota

A contractor operating out of Cummings and Alpharetta, Georgia, was found to have engaged in unlicensed electrical work in Minnesota. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$6,000.



Enforcement actions

An Eagan contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed residential building construction and plumbing work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$7,500, of which \$6,500 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

A St. Paul contractor was found to have performed plumbing work without the required contractor license. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$4,000, of which \$3,000 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

A Brooklyn Park contractor was found to have engaged in residential building construction, electrical and plumbing work without having the required licenses. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$45,000, of which \$30,000 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

A Belle Plaine contractor was found to have engaged in residential remodeling work without being licensed. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed activities and fined \$27,500, of which \$20,000 was stayed contingent on full future compliance.

More information

- [View summaries of enforcement actions.](#)
- Contact us at 651-284-5069 or dli.contractor@state.mn.us.