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August 27, 2002

Mr. Robert J. Suhosky, Executive Director  
Wayne Industrial Development Corporation  
100 Fourth Street  
Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431

In Re: Uniform Construction Code

Mr. Suhosky:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors making me aware of their concerns about the details and implementation schedule of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PUCC), Act 45 of 1999.

As of today's date, I'm advised by staff to the Department of Labor and Industry that the Proposed Administration and Enforcement Regulation has been finalized and prepared for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. When this regulation is printed in the *Bulletin*, a thirty-day public comment period will begin.

During the public comment period, the Department will hold three public meetings to receive comments on the proposal. I enclose information on the dates and locations of these meetings for your information. All comments, whether presented at the meetings or submitted in writing directly to the Department, will be considered and addressed.

The Department's final-form regulation detailing the Training and Certification Requirements of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on April 13, 2002. This regulation took effect on July 12, 2002, and the Department has begun registering and certifying code officials. Note that, until the UCC takes effect, registration or certification is not mandatory.

There is valuable information regarding this on the Department's website at [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us). Some of the information on the website includes an implementation update, code training and certification, considerations for local governments, and a number of frequently asked questions.

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By copy of this letter, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Bureau within the Department that is receiving all comments so they have are aware of your concerns and can evaluate your suggestions. I am also asking them to keep me advised of their deliberations and decisions and copy me on any correspondence in the matter.

I appreciate your interest, and making me aware of the Supervisors' concerns.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Lemmond, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

CHARLES D. LEMMOND, JR.  
SENATOR

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Enclosure

Cc: Representative Sandra Major  
Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors  
- Charles J. Sludden, Jr., Director, Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety  
w/enclosures



August 9, 2002

Senator Charles D. Lemmond, Jr.,  
Senate P.O. Box 203020  
172 Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Lemmond:

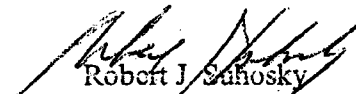
I am writing on behalf of Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors, Wayne County, PA. At their August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting the supervisors asked WIDCO to support them and their concerns about the details and implementation schedule of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PUCC), Act 45 of 1999.

The Board feels that this Act poses an excessive burden on the residents of the township, and the municipality in its efforts to comply with the Act. Specifically, they feel that the PUCC does not allow native Pennsylvania Hemlock lumber to be used in construction and it also requires too many inspections by too few trained inspectors. Lack of available inspectors would be a hindrance in development and growth by the townships. The Township also needs to have additional information on implementation for training sessions and various aspects of the Code.

The Buckingham Township Chairperson is Edward Dix, 570-798-2896.

As always, I appreciate your concern for Wayne County.

Sincerely,

  
Robert J. Suhosky  
Executive Director

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CC: Rep. Sandra J. Major  
Buckingham Township

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# Uniform Construction Code Implementation Update

Today's Date is Monday, August 26, 2002

## Administration and Enforcement

The Department's Proposed Administration and Enforcement Regulation has been finalized and prepared for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. [Click here to access a copy of the proposed regulation.](#)

When this regulation is printed in the *Bulletin* (expected date is August 24, 2002), a thirty-day public comment period will begin. During the comment period, the Department will hold three public meetings to take comments on the proposal. These meetings will be held on the following dates:

**September 9, 2002**

Radisson Hotel  
Pittsburgh  
101 Mail Boulevard  
Monroeville, PA  
2:00 to 4:00 PM

**September 11, 2002**

Plymouth Township Community Center  
2910 Jolly Road  
Plymouth Meeting, PA  
1:30 to 3:30 PM

**September 13, 2002**

Holiday Inn  
Exit 80 off Interstate 81  
Grantville, PA  
1:30 to 3:30 PM

***Please note the following:***

All comments, whether presented at these meetings or submitted in writing directly to the Department, will be considered and appropriately addressed. If you cannot attend one of these meetings, send your written comments to:

Charles J. Sludden, Jr.  
Director  
Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety  
PA Department of Labor and Industry  
1613 L&I Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

If you intend to comment on the regulation at one of these sessions, please bring a complete copy of your written comments for submission at that time.

In order to afford all present an equal opportunity to address the proposed regulation, the Department will limit oral comments to 5 minutes per speaker. Initially, one representative will be allowed to speak on behalf of each organization present; if time allows, additional representatives will be allowed to comment on the proposed regulation.

Among the standards proposed for adoption in this regulation is the Pennsylvania Housing Research Center's *Code for the Conservation of Space Conditioning Energy for Housing in Pennsylvania*. This document provides an alternative prescriptive approach which residential builders may use to comply with energy conservation code performance standards found in the Uniform Construction Code. Copies may be obtained by contacting the Center at:

Pennsylvania Housing Research Center  
Penn State University  
219 Sackett Building  
University Park, PA 16802-1408

Ph: 814-865-2341  
E-mail: [phrc@psu.edu](mailto:phrc@psu.edu)  
Website: [www.engr.psu.edu/phrc/](http://www.engr.psu.edu/phrc/)

**Training and Certification**

The Department of Labor and Industry's final-form regulation detailing the training and certification requirements of the Uniform Construction Code was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on April 13, 2002. It is available by [clicking here](#).

This regulation took effect on July 12, 2002, and the Department has begun registering and certifying code officials. Note that, until the UCC takes effect, registration or certification is not mandatory.

The Department has available on this website a booklet detailing the procedures for acquiring certification or registering as a current code administrator. You may access a copy by [clicking here](#).

Copies of this booklet may also be requested by calling or writing:

UCC Certification Administrator  
Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety  
PA Department of Labor and Industry  
1613 L & I Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
717-787-3323

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