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RE: On March 9, 2016, the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council in New York completed major updates to the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (Uniform Code). These updates include the 2015 International Building Code, the 2015 International Residential Code, and the 2015 International Existing Building Code. All three Code documents reference the 2014 National Electrical Code (2014 NEC) as the electrical standards for electrical installations.

The newly adopted Uniform Code will take effect on April 6, 2016 and there will be a six (6) month transition period. This transition period means that anyone applying for a building permit in New York State where electrical work is being performed will have the choice of either using the 2008 NEC or the 2014 NEC for the electrical requirements. Any current job with an open building permit will not be affected and will continue to use the Code reference that was in effect when the permit was issued.

Starting on October 3, 2016, the newly adopted Uniform Code will be in full effect. All new building permits issued beginning on October 3, 2016 must fully comply with the 2014 NEC requirements.