

June 4, 2008

The Honorable Richard C. Luis  
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RE: Docket #7-1900-19553-1 Rules-National Electrical Code  
Final Code Proposals

The Honorable Richard C. Luis,

Per your voicemail request on June 3, 2008 this letter contains the Builder Association of Minnesota's (BAM) final code language proposals for the 2008 National Electrical Code. Exhibit 124 contained alternate language proposed by BAM for three code sections, 210.8, 210.12 and 210.70. A typographical error was contained in Section 210.8 in Exhibit 124. The correct wording is shown below. The proposed language for section 210.12 that is shown below is identical to the language in Exhibit 124. BAM is no longer requesting the ALJ Section 210.70.

### **Alternate Language Proposed by BAM**

#### **210.8 Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Personnel**

**(A) Dwelling Units.** All 125-volt single-phase, 15- 20-ampere receptacles installed in the locations specified in (1) through (8) shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

(5) Unfinished basements --- for purposed of this section, unfinished basements are defined as portions or areas of the basement not intended as habitable rooms and limited to storage areas, work areas and the like

*Exception No. 1 to (5): A single receptacle located within dedicated space for a sump pump, sewage pump or air-to-air exchanger that is cord-and-plug connected in accordance with 400.7(A) (6), (A) (7) or (A) (8) and a readily accessible GFCI receptacle is provided within 6 feet of the receptacle not provided with GFCI protection.*

*Exception No. 2 to (5): A receptacle supplying only a permanently installed fire alarm or burglar alarm system shall not be required to have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection.*

## Alternate Language Proposed by BAM

### 210.12 Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection.

(B) **Dwelling Units.** All 120-volt, single phase, 15- and 20-ampere branch circuits supplying outlets installed in dwelling unit family rooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, or similar rooms or areas shall be protected by a listed arc-fault circuit interrupter, combination-type, installed to provide protection of the branch circuit.

{This code language remains unchanged... FNP No 1, 2 & 3  
...Exception No. 1 & 2}

Exception No. 3: A dwelling unit with a NFPA 13 sprinkler system installed according to the Minnesota State Building Code shall not be required to have arc-fault circuit-interrupter protection.

Thank you for requesting clarification on the final code language that BAM is proposing for the 2008 National Electrical Code (NEC). Please contact me at 651-269-0944 or karenl@bamn.org if you need further clarification.

Sincerely,



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