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At its meeting on April 4, 2014, the Ohio Board of Building Standards adopted the rule changes identified as Amendments Group 88. These rule amendments were adopted for an effective date as shown below.

Amendments Group 88 included the following amended Residential Code of Ohio (RCO) rules. For your use, a summary of the changes is provided below and the text of the rules can be found immediately following this coversheet:

Rule Number	RCO Chapter	Chapter Title	Effective date
4101:8-1-01	1	Administration.	January 1, 2015
4101:8-2-01	2	Definitions.	July 1, 2014
4101:8-3-01	3	Building planning.	July 1, 2014
4101:8-4-01	4	Foundations.	July 1, 2014
4101:8-6-01	6	Wall construction.	July 1, 2014
4101:8-11-01	11	Energy efficiency.	July 1, 2014
4101:8-15-01	15	Exhaust systems.	July 1, 2014
4101:8-20-01	20	Boilers and water heaters.	July 1, 2014
4101:8-44-01	44	Referenced standards.	July 1, 2104

**Reason for Amendments:** **4101:8-1-01** to clarify that model homes are within the scope of the RCO, to clarify that 2- and 3-family dwellings that share an exit are within the scope of the OBC, to reference Chapter 29 for non-required fire protection systems, to replace entire section 103 with a reference to 4101:7, to clarify that the installing contractor of fire protection systems is to be certified by the State Fire Marshal, to mirror proposed OBC Section 114 product approval process language, to mirror OBC Board Organization Section 116, and to make general editorial corrections; **4101:8-2-01** to revise definitions of “Approved Agency”, “Dwelling”, “Dwelling, One-, Two- or Three-family”, “Dwelling Unit”, “Exit”, “Fire Separation Distance”, and to add definition of “Residential Building”; **4101:8-3-01** to reorganize Section 314 and add language to allow wireless smoke alarms in certain existing conditions, to clarify intent of carbon monoxide alarm requirements, to add beam and header to diagonal cross bracing/girt attachment in Table 324.7, to clarify that roof truss designs must account for all imposed loads required by Section 324.8, and to make general editorial corrections; **4101:8-4-01** to make general editorial corrections; **4101:8-6-01** to add the new simplified bracing section from the 2012 IRC and to make general editorial corrections; **4101:8-11-01** to modify the 2009 IECC to make technical corrections for fireplaces and air barrier requirements consistent with the 2015 IECC language, to delete references to swimming pool accessories, and to make general editorial corrections; **4101:8-15-01** to make general editorial corrections and to clarify the make-up air requirements for kitchen hood systems; **4101:8-20-01** to delete the requirements relating to swimming pool heaters because the code does not currently regulate pools; and **4101:8-44-01** to update the reference to the Ohio Plumbing Code to include March 1, 2013 updates, to update a few of the ASME standards, to delete the TIA to NFPA 70 because pools and spas are not currently within the scope of the RCO, and to make general editorial corrections.

If you should have any questions regarding these rule changes, please call BBS staff at (614)644-2613.