

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 101.02 (1) and (15), and 101.136, Stats., the Department of Commerce will hold a public hearing on proposed rules under chapter Comm 5 relating to thermal insulator credentials.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

**Date and Time:**

August 11, 2010  
1 p.m.

**Location:**

Thompson Commerce Building  
Conference Room 3B  
201 W. Washington Ave.  
Madison, Wisconsin

Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and present comments on the proposed rules. Persons making oral presentations are requested to submit their comments in writing. Persons submitting comments will not receive individual responses. The hearing record on this proposed rulemaking will remain open until August 18, 2010, to permit submittal of written comments from persons who are unable to attend the hearing or who wish to supplement testimony offered at the hearing. Written comments should be submitted to James Quast, at the Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 2689, Madison, WI 53701-2689, or Email at [jim.quast@wi.gov](mailto:jim.quast@wi.gov).

This hearing is held in an accessible facility. If you have special needs or circumstances that may make communication or accessibility difficult at the hearing, please call (608) 266-8741 or (608) 264-8777 (TTY) at least 10 days prior to the hearing date. Accommodations such as interpreters, English translators, or materials in audio tape format will, to the fullest extent possible, be made available upon a request from a person with a disability.

The proposed rules and an analysis of the proposed rules are available on the Internet at the Safety and Buildings Division Web site at [www.commerce.wi.gov/SB/](http://www.commerce.wi.gov/SB/). Paper copies may be obtained without cost from Norma Sampson, at the Department of Commerce, Program Development Bureau, P.O. Box 2689, Madison, WI 53701-2689, or Email [norma.sampson@wisconsin.gov](mailto:norma.sampson@wisconsin.gov), or at telephone (608) 267-7907 or TDD Relay dial 711 in Wisconsin or (800) 947-3529. Copies will also be available at the public hearing.

The small business regulatory coordinator for the Department of Commerce is Carol Dunn, who may be contacted at telephone (608) 267-0297, or Email at [carol.dunn@wisconsin.gov](mailto:carol.dunn@wisconsin.gov).



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**Jim Doyle, Governor**  
**Aaron Olver, Secretary**

July 13, 2010

Ronald Sklansky, Director  
Administrative Rules Clearinghouse  
Wisconsin Legislative Council  
1 East Main Street, Suite 401  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Sklansky:

**TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW**

RULE NO.: Chapter Comm 5

RELATING TO Thermal Insulator Credentials

Pursuant to section 227.15, Stats., agencies are required to submit copies of the proposed rules to the Legislative Council for review.

The attached proposed rules are in the form and style specified by section 227.14, Stats., and are being forwarded to you for review. Also attached are copies of a transmittal letter to the Legislative Reference Bureau, public notice, fiscal estimate, and initial regulatory flexibility analysis.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Olver  
Secretary

# ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CORRESPONDENCE

## Department of Commerce

**Date:** July 13, 2010

**To:** Carol Dunn

**From:** Aaron Olver  
Secretary

**Subject:** Notification of Proposed Rules Affecting Small Business

**Rule No.:** Chapter Comm 5

**Relating To:** Thermal Insulator Credentials

The attached proposed rules are in the form and style specified by section 227.14 of the Statutes.

I am sending these rules to you for your review, under section 227.114 (5) of the Statutes. It does not appear that these rules will have a significant effect on small businesses.

Att.



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**Jim Doyle, Governor**  
**Aaron Olver, Secretary**

July 13, 2010

Bruce Hoesly, Code Editor  
Legislative Reference Bureau  
Suite 200  
1 East Main Street  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Mr. Hoesly:

**TRANSMITTAL OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF HEARING  
AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW**

RULE NO.: Chapter Comm 5

RELATING TO: Thermal Insulator Credentials

AGENCY UNIT RESPONSIBLE: Safety and Buildings Division

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED:  YES  NO

CONTACT PERSON: James Quast TITLE: Program Manager

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Pursuant to sections 227.14 (4m) and 227.17, Stats., agencies are required to transmit a written notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council and a written notice of hearing to the Legislative Reference Bureau, for publication in the Administrative Register.

On the date on this letter the department is submitting proposed rules to the Legislative Council and is submitting the following material to you:

1. Notice of Public Hearing or 30-Day Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
2. Fiscal Estimate.
3. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.
4. Draft of Proposed Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Olver  
Secretary

# INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

## Department of Commerce

RULE NO.: Chapter Comm 5

RELATING TO: Thermal Insulator Credentials

1. Types of small businesses that will be affected by the rules.

Under 2009 Wisconsin Act 16, s. 101.136, Stats., on July 1, 2011 and the proposed rules only individuals licensed as insulation mechanics or working under the direct supervision of licensed insulation mechanics may install or maintain thermal system insulation. Thermal insulation is statutorily defined as a product that is used in a heating, ventilating, cooling, plumbing or refrigeration system to insulate any hot or cold surface, including a pipe, duct valve, boiler flue, or tank or equipment on or in a building. The credential rules would most likely affect HVAC contractors, plumbing contractors, and mechanical refrigeration contractors.

2. Reporting, bookkeeping and other procedures required for compliance with the rules.

The rules which reflect Act 16 allow acquisition of insulation mechanic license by completing an apprenticeship or taking and passing a department licensure exam provided the individual has 1,000 hours per year of experience for at least 4 consecutive years.

The renewal of thermal insulation mechanic licenses will continue to be contingent upon the fulfillment of continuing education obligations.

3. Types of professional skills necessary for compliance with the rules.

No other types of professional skills are necessary for compliance with the rules.

4. Rules have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

No Rules not submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Yes Rules submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

# **NOTICE of ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

## **Department of Commerce**

Rule No.: Chapter Comm 5

Relating to: Thermal Insulator Credentials

Notice is hereby given that the Department has considered the environmental impact of the proposed rules. In accordance with chapter Comm 1, the proposed rules are a Type III action. A Type III action normally does not have the potential to cause significant environmental effects and normally does not involve unresolved conflicts in the use of available resources. The Department has reviewed these rules and finds no reason to believe that any unusual conditions exist. At this time, the Department has issued this notice to serve as a finding of no significant impact.