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Question 036:

What is meant by the compliance strategy to “simplify” the codes?

- (a) What code requirements have been identified as too complex or amenable to simplification without reducing safety or energy efficiency?
- (b) Please provide any data, reports, studies or other evidentiary basis to support the assumption that simplifying the codes will increase code compliance?

Response to Question 036:

The strategy to simplify codes is intended to make it easier for implementers to achieve code compliance by enabling the code to be more easily understood and “user friendly,” not reduce savings achieved through code.

(a) Compliance Improvement subprogram staff are in constant contact with builders and code enforcement officials. These groups have expressed interest in simplifying California codes to allow for more cost efficient building construction and alterations, as well as more straightforward review by local building officials. For example, input on the non-residential HVAC and lighting alterations [1] sections of Title 24, Part 6 was collected through focus groups [2]. Multiple white papers published by a stakeholder insight group, the Compliance Improvement Advisory Group [3], advocate for simplification and a reduction in process-related burdens in the compliance process [4]. Revisions to the standards that reduce complexity as well as streamline the compliance process are expected to increase compliance thereby increasing statewide energy savings. Commission managed Codes & Standards program impact evaluation efforts are expected to determine if any implemented code simplification efforts increase energy savings.

[1] 2016 Building and Appliance Efficiency Standards, sections 141.0 and S150.2

[2]

http://title24stakeholders.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Simplify-the-Code-Needs-FINAL-2_10_2017.pdf

[3] <http://www.caciag.com>

[4] In particular, see Paper #14: Simplifying the Code, <http://www.caciag.com/Issues>

(b) Please see SCE’s response to 36.a above.

