



National Fenestration Rating Council Bulletin

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Subject: NFRC Documents to Undergo ANSI Process (Information only)

The National Fenestration Rating Council's (NFRC) Board of Directors has approved a plan to submit the three NFRC documents referenced in International Code Council (ICC) Building Codes for the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) process in 2014.

The three documents to be submitted for public review, comment, and the full ANSI consensus process include the following:

- *NFRC 100: Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product U-factors,*
- *NFRC 200: Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product Solar Heat Gain Coefficient and Visible Transmittance at Normal Incidence, and*
- *NFRC 400: Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product Air Leakage.*

If successful, NFRC documents 100, 200, and 400 will be recognized as American National Standards, with additional credibility acquired through the ANSI consensus process.

Preparing for this effort has been a lengthy process. There were significant modifications to the three documents that needed to be incorporated prior to ANSI submission. These changes have now been made, as evidenced by the number of ballots presented to membership at the last several NFRC meetings. The NFRC Board of Directors is now confident that the NFRC 100, 200, and 400 documents are stable enough to enter the ANSI review process.

Beginning in early 2014, the NFRC 100, 200, and 400 documents will be submitted for public review and comment, with a goal of completing the full ANSI process by December 2014. Once the process has begun, NFRC will be limited in the changes that can be made to the documents under review, and *any* changes made will require resubmission for public review and comment.

To limit the commitment required of NFRC volunteers and staff for continuous review, the NFRC ANS Standards Committee and the NFRC Board of Directors have agreed that changes to any documents that obtain ANS designation will be limited to a three-year cycle.

NFRC members serving on task groups and subcommittees may continue to review

and ballot the documents as necessary. Proposed changes will be reserved until either the 18-month “critical” mark, or they will be incorporated into the documents at the three-year cycle.

The NFRC Board of Directors will determine if changes made at the 18-month mark warrant immediate implementation.

Anyone interested in serving on the NFRC ANS Standards Committee is invited to find more information and submit an application, located [here](#). Questions may also be directed to [Robin Merrifield](#), NFRC Communications Manager, at 240-821-9513.

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