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**SUBJECT: REVISIONS TO ADOPTED BUILDING CODE IN RESPONSE TO THE**  
**NATIONAL CLEAN AIR ACT AND ALABAMA ACT 2023-276**

In accordance with Alabama Act 2023-276, in effect as of August 1, 2023, the Alabama Division of Construction Management will be amending the state building code (Alabama Administrative Code 355-12-1), in conformity with the Alabama Administrative Procedures Act, to allow the use of Group A2L refrigerants.

The Division of Construction Management (DCM) has currently adopted the 2021 International Codes as the state building code. Alabama Act 2023-276 mandates that the state building code shall not prohibit the use of substitute refrigerants that comply with the National Clean Air Act. In order to allow the use of Group A2L refrigerants while ensuring the safety of their use, DCM will be replacing related sections and referenced standards of the 2021 International Building Code, International Fire Code, and International Mechanical Code with the corresponding sections of the 2024 International Building Code, International Fire Code, and International Mechanical Code.

A list of the related changes that will be incorporated into the state building code and more information about the transition to A2L refrigerants can be found on the International Code Council website (<https://www.iccsafe.org/products-and-services/i-codes/a2l-refrigerants-transition/>). See below for links to the changes to each individual code.

- [International Building Code Changes](#)
- [International Fire Code Changes](#)
- [International Mechanical Code Changes](#)

Amendments to the state building code are expected to be complete by January 1, 2025. During the transition period, all projects using A2L refrigerants will be reviewed for compliance with the 2024 updates. If you should have any questions, please contact the DCM Plan Review Division at 334-242-4082 or [planreview@rpm.alabama.gov](mailto:planreview@rpm.alabama.gov).