

Questions and Answers Questions et réponses



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Building Code Change: Amendment to prevent builder-appointed RCAs. (Regulation 245/04)

Why is the government introducing this amendment?

Prior to the introduction of this amendment, homebuilders would have been able, effective, July 1, 2005, to appoint registered code agencies (RCAs) to review and approve building plans and undertake on-site inspections. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), building officials and others had raised concerns that builder-appointed RCAs could potentially be in a conflict of interest situation, which could compromise public safety. The amendment filed today responds to those concerns.

Do the amendments affect the ability of municipalities to appoint RCAs?

No. The regulatory amendment prevents only the direct appointment of RCAs by builders. The amendment does not affect the ability of municipalities to appoint RCAs, effective July 1, 2005.

How do I obtain further information?

You can obtain further information by visiting the Ministry website www.obc.mah.gov.on.ca, or by contacting James Douglas, Manager, Code Development, Legislation and Appeals, Building and Development Branch, at 416.585.7174.