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**National Code Consultation:
Earthquake Provisions for Part 9 Buildings including Houses**

To: Home Builders, Designers, Architects, Structural Engineers, and Building Officials

National Building Code (NBC) change proposals, including Lateral Loads (Part 9), are currently available for review online at:

http://www.nationalcodes.ca/publicreview/2008/summary_NBC_part9_e.shtml.

The proposed changes would require Part 9 buildings, including houses, to be structurally designed and built to resist earthquake loads. Although these requirements would apply across Canada, their impact will be more significant in the coastal British Columbia region where seismic loads are quite high.

These changes may be of particular interest to your specific sector of the BC construction industry. You are encouraged to review these NBC change proposals and provide comments to the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (CCBFC) through the online comment system.

If the proposed changes are approved they will appear in the 2010 National Building Code and, if accepted by the Province of British Columbia, they will become effective with adoption of the next BC Building Code in 2011.