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**Re: National Farm Building Code Review**

Dear Kelly Cook:

Thank you for your enquiry.

**Your question:**

I read the following update on the NRCC website:

“The farm building requirements related to fire protection, structural design and dangerous goods are being discussed for publication in the 2020 editions of the NBC and NFC. The fire and structural requirements in the National Farm Building Code have not been reviewed or revised since the 1995 edition and are increasingly in conflict with the latest edition of the Codes.”

Is there any additional information available regarding this review? Will there be a public engagement/stakeholder consultation process and, if so, where would the notice be posted?

**Codes Canada response:**

New farm building provisions, drafted by a Joint Task Group (JTG) of experts from various fields, are being proposed for Part 2 of Division B of the National Building Code (NBC). The JTG has also drafted provisions for the National Fire Code specific to farm buildings. The Standing Committee (SC) on Hazardous Materials and Activities, the committee responsible for the technical provisions for farm buildings, recommended the proposed changes be sent to public review in the fall of 2019.

The first phase of the task to update the farm building requirements addressed large farm buildings (greater than 600 m<sup>2</sup> floor area or greater than 3 storeys) and this package of proposed changes is expected to be posted for public review and comment sometime in the fall of 2019. Please keep an eye on our website (<https://nrc.canada.ca/en/node/344/>) for updates regarding the public review period.

All the meetings of the JTG on farm buildings as well as the SC meetings are all public meetings, and the upcoming meeting information is posted on our website here: [https://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/solutions/advisory/codes\\_centre/attend\\_meeting.html](https://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/solutions/advisory/codes_centre/attend_meeting.html)

Meeting agendas are posted on our project collaboration site, here: <https://cnrc.teamworkpm.net/index.cfm#projects/432586/overview/activity>

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Regards,

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