

Federal Building and Fire Safety Investigation
of the World Trade Center Disaster

**RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS
ON
ANALYSIS OF BUILDING AND FIRE CODE
AND PRACTICES**

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Public Comments (Project #1)

- Number of comments received : 35
 - Structures related – 13
 - Fire related - 22

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 - Substantive: 0
 - Clarification: 2
 - Editorial: 11

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Clarification 1:

Why was the 2001 New York City Building Code referenced in code comparison instead of the 2003?

Contract for code comparison was issued before 2003 codes were published.

Clarification 2:

Commentary of Recommendation 1 (a) implies specific initiating events to be considered for progressive collapse mitigation design.

Text has been modified to respond to this comment.

Public Comments on Project 1

- 22 comments on fire
- 20 editorial (incl. clarification) or terminology
 - All comments considered, some changes made to as a result of comments
 - Largest change was the addition of 2 paragraphs to clarify local modification of model codes and scope of building regulations (ICC)
- Added Section 10.2 on Requirements for a Fourth Stairway (final resolution occurred after publication of draft report, not subject of public comment)