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Dear DOER staff,

I am retired and live in Winchester, MA. For literally decades I have been educating myself about climate change and taking action at various levels - personal, family, neighborhood, town and state - to address this problem. I follow the science carefully and am convinced it is now too late to avoid climate change accelerating in the coming decades. There are many tipping points that have been past and negative feedback loops (thawing permafrost with methane release, burning peat, tundra and forests, loss of reflective ice, increase of insulating water vapor, etc) now in effect. Also, far from removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, we are still emitting them at a prodigious rate. This is very serious.

Given that gloomy long term outlook, we all, and that includes DOER, need to do all we can to limit the severity of climate change. All provisions for the stretch code and opt-in specialized code should be seen in this vein and optimized for the benefit of the climate and the public, not for special interests or other considerations.

There are many good provisions in both proposed codes, but some unfortunate features seem to remain. For example, all new buildings of any size under the opt-in code should be 100% electrified except for specific and extraordinary exceptions and this code should be available in 2023 not 2024.

The urgency of the climate crisis requires all codes be as aggressive as possible.

Thank you,  
Alan Field