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PREFACE

The *International Private Sewage Disposal Code*[®] (IPSDC[®]) establishes minimum requirements for sewage disposal systems using prescriptive and performance-related provisions. It is founded on broad-based principles that make possible the use of new materials and new sewage disposal designs.

As a follow-up to the *International Private Sewage Disposal Code*, we offer a companion document, the *IPSDC[®] Code and Commentary*. The basic appeal of the Commentary is thus: it provides in a small package and at reasonable cost thorough coverage of many issues likely to be dealt with when using the *International Private Sewage Disposal Code*—and then supplements that coverage with historical and technical background. Reference lists, information sources and bibliographies are also included.

Throughout all of this, effort has been made to keep the vast quantity of material accessible and its method of presentation useful. With a comprehensive yet concise summary of each section, the Commentary provides a convenient reference for private sewage disposal regulations. In the chapters that follow, discussions focus on the full meaning and implications of the code text. Guidelines suggest the most effective method of application and the consequences of not adhering to the code text. Illustrations are provided to aid understanding; they do not necessarily illustrate the only methods of achieving code compliance.

The format of the Commentary includes the full text of each section, table and figure in the code, followed immediately by the commentary applicable to that text. At the time of printing, the Commentary reflects the most up-to-date text of the 2021 *International Private Sewage Disposal Code*. Each section's narrative includes a statement of its objective and intent, and usually includes a discussion about why the requirement commands the conditions set forth. Code text and commentary text are easily distinguished from each other. All code text is shown as it appears in the *International Private Sewage Disposal Code*, and all commentary is indented below the code text and begins with the symbol ❖.

Readers should note that the Commentary is to be used in conjunction with the *International Private Sewage Disposal Code* and not as a substitute for the code. The Commentary is advisory only; the local regulatory authority alone possesses the authority and responsibility for interpreting the code.

Comments and recommendations are encouraged, for through your input we can improve future editions. Please direct your comments to the Codes and Standards Development Department of the International Code Council.

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