



# Statement

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## ENERGY EFFICIENT FOAM COALITION APPLAUDS INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL FOR REJECTING PROPOSALS TO SIDE-STEP E-84 STEINER TUNNEL TEST

### *Council's Actions Highlight the Important Role of Flame Retardants in Foam Insulation*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 29, 2013) – During the International Code Council (ICC) Committee Action Hearings, the International Residential Code (IRC) Building Committee rejected proposals put forth to side-step the E-84 Steiner Tunnel test. The [Energy Efficient Foam Coalition](#) issued the following statement about today's events:

“The Coalition applauds the Committee for rejecting these proposals, which would have potentially led to the removal of valuable flame retardants from foam insulation in certain residential applications. The Committee's actions today reiterate the importance of flame retardants in foam insulation as a key contributor to fire safety.

“Fire safety is one of the Coalition's top priorities, and fire science shows that flame retardants in foam insulation help protect occupants and workers from fire-related death and injury, and owners and occupants from property loss. Existing building code fire safety provisions are based on years of careful analysis, extensive testing, and a robust and inclusive public development process. This process drew on the expertise of and analysis by fire scientists, the fire services, fire testing laboratories, code officials and other experts.

“The Coalition also advocates that any assessment of potential health risk associated with the use of flame retardants in foam insulation must be based on scientific research that takes into account hazard and exposure.”

To learn more about the Coalition, please visit its website at [www.foaminsulationcoalition.org](http://www.foaminsulationcoalition.org).

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*The Energy Efficient Foam Coalition's mission is to promote the benefits of foam insulation products and to provide factual information that brings a credible, science-based perspective to discussions surrounding the use of flame retardants in rigid and spray foam insulation.*

