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**Department of Labor and Industry**

**Business Standards Division**

**Building Codes Bureau**

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To: Electrical Stakeholders and other Interested Parties

From: David W. Cook, Bureau Chief  
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Re: Stakeholder Meeting on Low Voltage Permitting and Adoption of NEC 2011

The Department of Labor and Industry, Building Codes Bureau has received requests from stakeholders to move forward with two separate issues, the adoption of the 2011 NEC and the instituting of permitting and inspection on low voltage installations.

As a result of these requests the department will be conducting a stakeholders meeting on May 16, 2011 starting at 10:30AM in the Basement Conference Room of 301 S. Park Avenue, Helena for the purposes of discussing with stakeholders the merits of adopting the 2011 NEC and the department's initiative to add a low voltage permit and inspection requirement.

This is an informal meeting to gain insight into how the electrical installation industry and other interested persons would like the department to proceed in these matters. The meeting will allow for open discussion on the topics and the department will gladly accept written information as well. The department has allocated 4 hours for this meeting. The topics will be discussed separately with the NEC adoption up first (10:30AM to 12:30PM) then the Low Voltage permitting issue last (12:30PM to 2:30PM).

The meeting will be conducted without a lunch break so that people can travel in the morning and be out in plenty of time in the afternoon. Information received at this meeting will be reported to the Building Codes Advisory Council which will ultimately decide what moves forward to the administrative rules process.

The department encourages your participation in this process and looks forward to a good discussion on the topics. For a map/directions to the meeting site click:

<http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/map.asp>

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