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Clarification on 3 inch vent terminal requirements per IPC 903.2

The intent of this information bulletin is to provide information on the vent terminal requirement in accordance with the International Plumbing Code Section 903.2. Our staff has worked with ICC representatives Bill Nash, Gary Gauthier and Shawn Strausbaugh to clarify the intent of the code.

The intent of the code is to address the location of the pipe size increase for the vent terminal (pipe exiting the building) only. This section is not intended to require all vent piping above the thermal envelope to increase in size.

The following diagram provides clarification that if the transition to 3-inch pipe were to occur immediately above the wall top plate and have a minimum of 1 foot insulation over the transition there would be enough heat transfer from the conditioned space that freezing at the transition would not occur.

