



September 30, 2008

**TO: PARTIES INTERESTED IN EVALUATION REPORTS ON HEADED ENDS OF CONCRETE REINFORCEMENT**

**SUBJECT: Revisions to the Acceptance Criteria for Headed Ends of Concrete Reinforcement, Subject AC347-0808-R1 (RK/BG)**

Dear Madam or Sir:

The subject revised acceptance criteria was reviewed under the alternate criteria process. The proposed revisions were posted on the ICC-ES web site for public comment in August of 2008. Except as described below, no negative comments on the proposed revisions were received and the revised acceptance criteria was approved by ballot of the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee in August 2008 with a September 1, 2008, effective date.

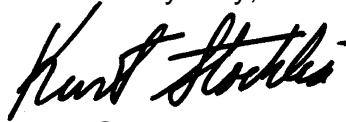
Letters from Erico dated August 27, 2008, and from Mr. Michael Keith Thompson of the University of Wisconsin, dated August 28, 2008, both indicate that a version of ASTM A 970 newer than the one referenced in the current version of AC347 is available and ACI 318-08 includes revisions to address headed ends of concrete reinforcement, such that consideration could be given to either making AC347 obsolete, or updating AC347 to ASTM A970-07 and ACI 318-08. However, the current version of AC347 is based on the 2006 IBC, which references ACI 318-05 (ACI 318-08 is not referenced by the 2006 IBC). Accordingly, AC347 is still needed to evaluate the products under the 2006 IBC. Industry is encouraged to propose revisions to AC347 for a future ICC-ES Evaluation Committee meeting, for evaluating products under the 2009 IBC, particularly if the 2009 IBC references ACI 318-08.

Evaluation reports issued on or after the effective date noted above, and falling within the scope of this criteria, will be required to comply with the revised, published edition of the criteria. Evaluation reports issued prior to the effective date may be in compliance either with the revised acceptance criteria or with the previous edition. Evaluation reports based on a superseded version of an acceptance criteria must be brought into compliance with the most recent edition at the time the reports are reissued. Therefore, applicants should submit data verifying compliance at the time they apply for re-examination.

ICC-ES evaluation reports issued on or after the effective date noted above, both new reports and conversions of legacy reports, must comply with this criteria if they fall within its scope.

If you have any questions, please contact Russ Krivchuk, P.E., senior staff engineer, at (800) 423-6587, extension 3275. You may also reach us by e-mail at [es@icc-es.org](mailto:es@icc-es.org).

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Stochlia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Kurt Stochlia  
Vice President

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Enclosures

cc: Evaluation Committee