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**TO: PARTIES INTERESTED IN EVALUATION REPORTS ON  
TAPPING SCREWS**

**SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Acceptance Criteria for Tapping Screw  
Fasteners, Subject AC118-0210-R1 (EL/RK)**

Dear Madam or Sir:

On February 3, 2010, the proposed revisions were held for further study by the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee to allow staff and industry time to refine the proposed revisions to the criteria. Issues to be studied include the requirement in AISI S905 that screws have sufficient strength to prevent failure of the connection due to the screw; requirements for proprietary screws to be qualified for use in code-prescribed assemblies; clarification of requirements for manufacturer qualification tests and ongoing quality tests; the requirements for proprietary screws used to attach sheathing materials; and the need for evaluation reports issued to screw manufacturers to include diaphragm values instead of, or in addition to, connection values.

If you have any questions, please contact Elyse G. Levy, Senior Staff Engineer, at (800) 423-6587, extension 4315. 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 that reads 'Gary G. Nichols'.

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cc: Evaluation Committee