Who is SPEER?

- Regional Energy Efficiency Organization
- Providing education and training to Texas and Oklahoma on a variety of topics around efficiency

**SPEER’s mission** is to accelerate the adoption of advanced building systems and energy efficient products and services in the South-central US.
Our Work

- Residential codes
- Commercial codes
- Local Governments
- Policy
Adopting Effective Codes

• Texas represents 18% of new building in the U.S.
  – Recent storms, fires and floods - opportunity
  – Improve building stock and reduce the risk of future damage and danger
  – Adopting current building codes will incorporate hazard-resilient design standards
  – Building structures should enable residents to “Shelter in Place”
Resilience

• Resilience – Low vulnerability to hazards and/or high capacity to cope with hazards
• Hazards – flood, fire, hurricane, tornado, extreme heat or cold, etc.
Lowering Vulnerability

• Create awareness
  – Flood hazard
  – Windstorm hazard
• Education to builders, contractors, code officials and homeowners
• Adoption of all building codes
What Can We Do?

- Allow and encourage cities and counties to adopt the “family” of current building codes
- Current building codes include current windstorm requirements for coastal counties
- Allow and encourage cities and counties to adopt current Fire Codes
- Consider additional building safety measures, or amendments in flood prone areas
THANK YOU!

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