Proposed change: 1418

Support: I support this proposed change with modification(s).

Reason:

[2.2.6.5.] --- Access to Exits
[1] --) The minimum width of an access to exit, including obstructions, shall be 750 mm.

PROPOSED:
[2.2.6.5.] --- Access to Exits
[1] --) The minimum width of an access to exit, including obstructions, shall be 610 mm.

REASONING:
Many swine barns are constructed 'motel style' with a large central hallway and rooms on each side. Most rooms are equipped with 3 doorways exiting into the main central hallway – one servicing the central feeding alley – normally 30 – 36 inches wide and two more doors servicing the manure alleys normally to the rear of the pens. The manure alley doors are generally 24 inches wide, or the width of the service alley.

Other examples include: goat parlour loading lanes, sheep parlour loading lanes and similar loading lanes within the context of a farm building. These lanes are generally around 24" to prevent the smaller livestock from turning around and blocking the directional flow. This could affect greenhouse operations with rows of trenches, tables or similar areas where access to exits is currently less than 750mm.

Minimum access to exits was not a previous code requirement and 750mm appears to be too restrictive.