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**TO:** Electrical Inspection Customers and Associates  
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**INTERPRETATION NUMBER:** CI2010-0001

**TITLE:** Identification of Outlets

**CODE EDITION:** 2008 National Electric Code (NEC) as amended by COA

**SECTION(S):** 300.3(C) Conductors of Different Systems; (4) Branch circuit numbers and their panel originations shall be plainly identified on the cover of every junction box and outlet in a Commercial Building.

**QUESTION:** Is the intent of this code section to identify junction box outlets in all commercial structures?

No, identification of “junction boxes and outlets” is two separate items and required to be identified as follows:

1. Identification of *junction boxes* with branch circuit numbers and their panel originations are required in every commercial building.
2. Identification of *outlets*, including receptacles and switches, are to be applicable to critical care facilities and facilities that maintain or store hazardous materials.

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