



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section R310.1

Question:

Is it the intent (of this code section) that you can't put an aluminum roof over the screen room if the screen room cover an egress window OR SLIDING GLASS DOOR because of the smoke (accumulation in the event of a fire). HERNANDO COUNTY IS INTERPRETATING (IT) JUST THAT WAY, BUT THE WAY I INTERPRET IT IS THAT THE SCREEN WALLS LET'S THE SMOKE OUT INTO (THE) ATMOSPHERE. AS YOU WELL KNOW WORK IS HARD TO GET AND IF THIS IS THE CASE THERE WILL BE SCREEN ROOMS AND ALUMINUM ROOFS GOING UP WITOUT PERMITS IF WE CAN'T DO IT UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR WILL DO IT . THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MARSHALL MAEDER HERNANDO ALUMINUM INC

Answer

The screen enclosure, including roof, must be open to the atmosphere.

Commentary:

Please see BOAF informal interpretations #6199 & #6204. "The purpose of the exception is to only allow a screen enclosure, open to the atmosphere, because the screen roof and walls would not allow for a concentraion of smoke to obscure the clear path of travel to safety."

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