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Section R303

Question:

Is it the intent of section R303 exemption of air exhausted directly to the outside to include venting bath fans to a perforated soffit?

Answer

Environmental air must maintain a 3 foot separation from any air intake point to the building. This would include areas of ventilated soffits. The intent is to prevent excess moisture from being introduced in the attic spaces and causing potential wood rot, mold or mildew issues.

Commentary:

See M1501.1.

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