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Section 1507.1

Question:

Is it the intent of FBC-B Section 1502 Definitions, to describe a cantilevered concrete canopy or concrete roofed plaza covering the buildings entrances as a roof deck that would require roofing or a waterproofing system? If so, per FBC-B Section 1507.1 and 1507.15 the roof deck shall have a roof covering system or liquid-applied coating, or would standard paint be sufficient protection?

Answer

Yes, based upon the description of the canopies they would meet the definition of roof deck, which then triggers installation of an approved roof covering. However, the definition of roof deck is so broad that there seems to be room for interpretation depending on the nature of the cantilevered concrete structures above the building entrances, the manner of their construction and the amount of concrete cover over reinforcing steel. The Building Official should make the decision based upon specific conditions.

Commentary:

None.

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