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Section R401.3

Question:

Is it the intent of section R401.3 to be applicable to the exterior vertical face of monolithic slab foundations in the requirement to drain surface water away from "foundation walls"?

Answer

Yes, drainage away from the foundation is required.

Commentary:

The slope away from the building is required to be 6 inches within the first 10 feet. The exception allows for use of drains and swales if lot lines or physical barriers, such as a steeply sloping lot, do not allow for a 6" slope, then the minimum slope is 2 percent.

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