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Section 1609.8

Question:

Is it the intent of sections 1609.8 and 1620.6 to include rooftop mounted telecommunication antennas and related components?

Answer

Yes, unless preempted by Federal law. Buildings and structures or any part thereof shall be designed and constructed to be of sufficient strength to support the estimated or actual imposed dead, live, wind loads any other loads.

Commentary:

The requirement has nothing to do with affecting the operation of the building and everything to do with keeping the structure on the building.

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