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Section R301.2.1.4.2

Question:

Is it the intent of this Section of the 2010 Residential Code to allow a new residence that is more than 100' but less than 300' from the Atlantic Ocean be considered a Surface Roughness 'C'?

Answer

No, the section cited is for surface roughness. Section R301.2.1.1.3 provides the exposure category for design.

Commentary:

The difference is "surface roughness" and "exposure category" as they are used for design purpose. The surface roughness explanation is needed to provide the information needed for adjoining terrain so the category for design purposes may be defined.

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