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Section M1501.1

Question:

Is it the intent of M1501.1 to prevent the installation of a plastic exhaust grille mounted outside onto the soffit to discharge bathroom exhaust? It prohibits "into" but duct is going "through" the soffit to the outside plastic grille.

Answer

The purpose of this section is to prevent the exhaust from being circulated back into the building envelope. If the soffit is a solid unvented type (no openings into the attic within 3 feet to any side), then an exhaust could be terminated through the soffit with a sealed duct connection and grille/louver.

Commentary:

Restroom and dryer exhaust are listed as environmental air and therefore only require a 3 foot separation from any building openings or intake locations where the exhaust could be circulated back into the building envelope.

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