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Section 1604.5

Question:

Based on the descriptions contained in 2010 FBC, Section 1604.5, Table 1604.5, would it be appropriate to classify light poles as Risk Category I structures?

Answer

Yes. However, if those poles are associated to a necessary 24/7 facility such as an emergency operations center, the owner and/or designer may require full compliance for wind load at a higher occupancy risk category.

Commentary:

None.

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