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Section 909.18.8.3

Question:

Is it the intent of this section to require that the special inspector for smoke control to be a different individual then that of the responsible registered design professional/engineer of record?

Answer

No

However, If the responsible design professional is to act

as the special inspector, he/she would have to qualify in

accordance with 909.18.2.

Commentary:

ASHRAE Guideline 5, COMMISSIONING SMOKE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

ASHRAE Guideline 5 states the following under definitions,

COMMISSIONING AUTHORITY: "There are many options as to

which party to the commissioning process will be

the "authority". The design professional, contractor,

independent commissioning agency, or owner may be the

commissioning authority;

The designer of the smoke control system is probably the

best for inspection of that system.

This appears to be a Florida specific amendment

incorporating language from the IBC 2012. It was not in the

IBC 2009.

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