



Informal Interpretation Report Number 7293



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Section 403.3.2

Question:

Previously issued interpretations from BOAF are inconsistent with one another; Interpretations 7271 and 7199 indicate that redundant site water supply connections are not required; however Interpretation 7215 indicates that the redundant water supply connection is required. The language of code is very clear and does not provide any exceptions for high rise buildings. - There are no exceptions for high-rise buildings not located in earthquake zones (as suggested by Interpretation 7271). - The intent of Section 403.3.2 of the FBC is not to require a secondary on-site water supply (as suggested by Interpretation 7199). It is requested that BOAF issue a clarifying interpretation void of non-relevant information and taking into account both the strict letter of the code and as well as the intent as described below.

Answer

Based on review of the interpretations reviewed it has been determined that 7215 is the correct interpretation.

Commentary:

We will work with the state to get this corrected and eliminate or make note on the other interpretations to see 7215 as the correct answer as determined by the interpretation group.

Notice:

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