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Section 1609

Question:

Is it the intent of section 1609.1.2 exception 1, to restrict wood structural panels used as wind borne debris protection to R3 and R4 occupancies only?

Answer

Yes

Commentary:

Other occupancies must meet one of the requirements as specified in 1609.1.2. The Exception applies solely to R-3 and R-4 occupancies. However, a system may be designed by a professional engineer using wood structural panels. The designed engineered system would have to meet all the requirements of one of the referenced standards. This would be a local site specific product approval as required by Rule 9N-3.

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