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Section 2411.3.2.1

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 2411.3.2.1 Exception #1 to require door assemblies only installed in "Habitable Areas/Spaces" (as defined by the Florida Building Code) to comply with water infiltration requirements?

Answer

No. Please see the attached commentary

Commentary:

It is the intent of the referenced section to exempt areas which are designed and otherwise make provisions to allow water infiltration into the space. Tropical cyclones produce significant rainfall and often this rainfall occurs horizontally due to associated elevated winds. Office, assembly, storage and retail occupancies spaces are typically not designed with impermeable surfaces, contents and finishes that do not become damaged due to water that infiltrates. Don't ignore the requirement contained in the Exception that requires the areas to be nonhabitable AND designed to accept water infiltration. Offices, assemblies, storage, retail and other occupancies are not typically designed to accept water infiltration.

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