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Section 719.2

Question:

Is it the intent of 2010 FBC-B 719.2 to include floor insulation in building Types III, IV & V.

Answer

Yes. Please see the attached commentary for information.

Commentary:

Flooring insulation, whether it be thermal or sound insulation, placed in a floor (concealed) would be required to meet the flame spread requirements of Section 719.2. There are some exceptions and special conditions called out, however, if it is a fire rated assembly, the fire testing of the assembly would have to include the materials used. In addition, the materials would have to meet the STC requirements at Section 1207. There are many type 3 & 5 buildings out there being built. Some may have wood floor systems others concrete, but the requirements found in 719.2 are more restrictive than for type I Type II construction.

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