



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section R322.2.1

Question:

Is it the intent of R322.2.1 to require a 1 foot free board when the established design flood elevation (DFE) is the base flood elevation (BFE)?

Answer

Yes. Required only when the structure is located in the "floodway" because the designer shall use ASCE 24.

Yes. When the structure is in a "Coastal A Zone"

No. If the "otherwise legally designated" local design flood elevation is already more than the published DFIRM BFE +1'.

Sometimes. If the structure is in a "Flood Hazard Area" and the design professional elects as an alternative design provision to use ASCE 24 instead of the prescriptive requirements of Section 322.

Commentary:

None

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