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Section 412.5.5

Question:

Is it the intent of 412.5.5 to mean the entire foot print of the structure or just the interior not including the exterior walls

Answer

No.

The key word is "within". "Within" means the building footprint measured to the inside surface of the exterior walls. The hazard does not occupy the plan area of the wall, only the area within. This logically extends to a mixed use where neither of two adjacent uses occupy the plan area of the wall between them.

Commentary:

None.

Some information excerpted from the ICC Code Commentary.

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