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Section 707.5.1

Question:

Is it the intent of 707.5.1 to require a roof assembly of a type 3B building to be 2 hour rated where such an assembly provides lateral support (top of wall to roof deck connection) to a 2 hour rated fire barrier wall used to separate fire areas?

Answer

No.

Commentary:

It would be up to the AHJ to determine the definition of Supporting Construction, 707.5 requires secure attachment to the roof for fire barriers. Does this attachment become a support? It would depend on many factors and probably no two would be the same.

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