



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 1006.2.3.2

Question:

Is it the intent of the requirement "opening of a circuit breaker or fuse" to be applied to all branch circuits serving egress lighting facilities or only to the branch circuits serving normal lighting facilities?

Answer

It is not the intent of these sections to require battery backup on everything. The last word of section 1006.2.3.2 is "facilities". This means the lighting system, not the individual branch circuits.

This is much cleaner in the 5th Edition. This question was previously answered under interpretation number 6925. While that particular question was related to the 2007 edition of the Florida Building Code, the answer remains the same. Please see that interpretation for a complete commentary on the requirements.

Commentary:

Refer to interpretation #6925

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