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Section 2510.6

Question:

Is it the intent of 2510.6 Water-resistive barriers to exclude the use of #15 ASTM D 226 Type I felt since there isnt any testing available to show equivalent performance with Grade D paper, even though 2510.6 refers to 1404.2, which specifically requires a minimum of one layer of No. 15 asphalt felt, or other approved materials.

Answer

While there is a statement by the requester that the system used is equivalent to two layers of Grade D paper, the documentation referred to is required to substantiate the claim. However, I can find no reference within the code related to the Federal Specification UU-B-790 cited. The spec is not cited in ASTM C 1063 or C 926. ICC Acceptance Criteria 38 addresses Grade D paper. Perhaps it could be useful to the building official in determining equivalency. In the absence of a referenced standard for the code specified product (Grade D Paper) it would seem that the determination of equivalency would be a matter for the building official to approve or not

approve.

Commentary:

None

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