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Section R318.6.1

Question:

Is it the intent of section R318.6.1 to allow a dwelling to divert all roof drainage to a retention area under the structure?

Answer

No.

Commentary:

This section speaks to preparation of the area under the residence, the section cited is a termite protection provision that is calling for water to be drained from under the building. Retention is another matter that has its own requirements. Section R401.3 addresses drainage.

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