



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section P2709

Question:

Is it the intent of code section 2709 to require a shower pan liner in a recessed slab on grade application where the framed walls are a minimum of 4" above the bottom of the shower recess ?

Answer

Yes. Please see the attached commentary

Commentary:

The current FBC plumbing and residential codes do not directly address the typical monolithically-poured slab-on-grade shower recesses found throughout Florida. Previous editions of the FBC provided guidance in the form of an exception that allowed such recesses without the need for a shower lining. This was one of many useful Florida-specific amendments that was not resubmitted for the 5th Edition. Currently there are multiple proposed FBC changes pending review, that would reinstate the exception in the next edition. While there may be no good reason for a shower lining to be installed in a properly-constructed concrete slab recess, it is currently required unless the choice is made to propose an alternate method or material to the Building Official.

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