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Section 602

Question:

Is it the intent of section 602.1 and 602.2 that the word "materials" be interpreted as "elements and materials"?

Answer

Yes, it includes elements.

Commentary:

Materials defined: the elements, constituents, or substances of which something is composed or can be made.

As stated in the code, they may still be required to be replaced. "... unless determined by the code official to render the building or structure UNSAFE ..."

An example could be: Guards on a high-rise balcony certainly require a safety evaluation.

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