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Section 1018.1 and Table 1018.1

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 1018.1, Exception 4, to allow single exit suites with less than 30 occupants within a larger building with more than 30 total occupants to have corridors within the single exit suite that are not required to be 1 hour rated?

Answer

The answer is probably no. The door from the suite is not an exit, but an exit access doorway per 1015.1 and Table 1015.1 as referenced in 1018.1 Exception 4, provided the occupant load is less than 49 per Table 1015.1.

Commentary:

Additional information may be needed or not provided. For example, there is a common path requirement that also must be applied (1014.3). Is the 75' from the furthest point inside the suites to the exit door leading to the rated corridor? (the point at which there are 2 remote exits?)

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