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Question:

On the topmost level of an 8-story open parking structure requiring (2) exits, is it code-compliant to have both exits be unenclosed exit access stairways, with the exit access travel distance measured from the most remote part of the level to the first riser of the stairway?

Answer

No. Please see the attached commentary

Commentary:

Once the 6 story limit is reached, the stairs must be enclosed (protected means of egress).

However, if the travel distance from the most remote point on the top level to the enclosed stair door on the level below is within the allowable travel distance, the unenclosed stair would be code compliant.

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