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Section 318.7 exception 4

Question:

Is it the intent of R318.7 exception 4 to only allow chemical soil treatment and not registered wood or bait termiticide in the area prescribed?

Answer

No. Please see the attached commentary

Commentary:

While it is true there may be situations where the mix is permissible such as hotel residential areas vs. assembly or commercial areas, in this case the increase in height is based on the entire building being sprinklered per the required NFPA system. In the case of the I-1 Occupancy, the height increase is based on a NFPA 13 system. The reference to Section 903.3.1.1 is not a "generic" reference, but specifically requires a NFPA 13 system. If a 13R system is permitted, the reference would be to 903.3.1.2. In addition, the use of a 13R system is limited to four stories. This building is 5 stories. The answer is to provide a NFPA 13 system throughout the building.

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