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Section Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment.

Question:

Does the “unless otherwise specified” in C926 and C1063 allow a designer to specify something in their plans that is less than the equivalent of that prescriptively prescribed in the Code or Code Referenced Standards in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance , durability and safety?

Answer

No, an alternate method or material must be approved by the building official and must be equal to or better than specified in the code or standard.

Commentary:

None.

Notice:

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