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Question:

For a Level 1 Alteration, where mechanical equipment is being replaced in kind with no reconfiguration, is compliance with the Florida Energy Conservation code required?

Answer

The key is the classification of a 'repair' vs. 'alteration level 1.' This way, the municipality looks at this as a repair. Replacing like for like to maintain existing loads or performance requirements. It is the replacement of a component. An alteration indicates the replacement of a system. For example, the replacement of an AC compressor is a repair, the replacement of the entire HVAC system is an alteration. Now, when you replace a system, alteration level 1, FBC Existing Buildings section 708 requires the new equipment to be compliant with current energy codes.

Commentary:

None.

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