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Section 1509.6.5

Question:

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code - Building Section 1509.6.5 to apply the minimum clearance provisions to photovoltaic array installations?

Answer

No. Section 1509.7 Photovoltaic Systems governs the installation of photovoltaic systems. Installation was to be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. 1509.6.5 governs the installation of mechanical units. If applied to photovoltaic systems, such systems would have to be mounted on curbs or raised a minimum of 8 inches above the roof surface or on raised equipment supports.

Commentary:

None.

Notice:

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