



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section R1506.3

Question:

Does the Code allow a bathroom exhaust to terminate at the interior side of and exhaust through a vented soffit?

Answer

No, M1501.1 clearly does not allow discharge to the soffit

Commentary:

Additionally, M1506.3 states that openings shall comply with Sections R303.5.2 and R303.6. The exhaust opening sizes found in R303.6 would not be provided by vented soffit, and therefore must be vented to the required grill or louver. Additionally, R303.6 requires the termination to be outdoors, which would be in opposition to terminating the opening within the soffit confinement.

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