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Section 406.5.2

Question:

Is the perimeter of a tier inclusive of both interior and exterior walls for natural ventilation calculations under Section 406.5.2?

Answer

Yes

Commentary:

Section 406.5.2 states "The aggregate length of the openings considered to be providing natural ventilation shall be not less than 40 percent of the perimeter of the tier." The lengths of the interior east and north walls must be included in the 40% calculation, as they count toward the perimeter of the tier.

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