



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 302.2

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 302.2 and/or associated exception, to require that horizontal soffits installed within the first 4-feet on each side of a 2-hour fire separation wall be unvented or otherwise solid in construction?

Answer

No, unvented soffit & fire resistive construction are 2 totally different things.

Commentary:

None.

Notice:

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