



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section R318.7

Question:

Does the requirement for 6" of exposed concrete apply to a metal detached building on a 4" slab with 12" footer all around perimeter that was termite treated?

Answer

Section R318.7 does not provide an exception for metal buildings. It does however provide an exception to 4 inches for garages and patios.

Commentary:

None.

Notice:

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