



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section R503

Question:

Is there a requirement for an energy 405 form to be provided for a mini split in a garage that is being installed for humidity control? It appears this is only required if the space is being used as a dwelling area, meaning a living space. However, this will remain a garage and will be used for dehumidification control for storage. Is it required or exempt from the 405 form in this case?

Answer

Yes, it is required

Commentary:

The proposed work is considered an alteration and R503 requires alterations to comply with the governing rules.

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