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MEMO

TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

**FROM: Francisco J. Quintana, R.A.,
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SUBJECT: Structural design of pools

The Florida Building code has no prescriptive provisions for the design of private swimming pools supported on natural adequate soil. This office recommends that the provisions that existed in the South Florida Building Code be maintained.

It has been the purpose of this Office to make the application of the new code neither more nor less strict than the previous code. Experience has shown that recorded structural failures of pools were the result of poor soil conditions without pilings or improper flotation analysis.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call Mr. Jaime Eisen, 375-2901.

