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TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

FROM: ^{FMA} Secretary of the Board
Board of Rules and Appeals 

DATE: March 31st, 2014

SUBJECT: Interpretation – 2010 Florida Building Code, Section 909.18.8.3
Smoke Control Reports

At their meeting on March 20, 2014, the Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) provided an interpretation of Section 909.18.8.3 of the Florida Building Code, Building volume. A reading of the plain language of the code section results in the intent of the section becoming unclear and creating unintended interpretive consequences. This is primarily due to the lack of uniformity in the definition and use of base code and Florida Building Code terminology. The text of the code section is included below:

[F] 909.18.8.3 Reports.

A complete report of testing shall be prepared by the special inspector or special inspection agency. The report shall include identification of all devices by manufacturer, nameplate data, design values, measured values and identification tag or mark. The report shall be reviewed by the responsible registered design professional and, when satisfied that the design intent has been achieved, the responsible registered design professional shall seal, sign and date the report.

In interpreting the subject section, the Board determined that the “responsible registered design professional” shall be a specialty engineer registered in the State of Florida that is either engaged or employed by the *special inspection agency* performing the required test. Smoke control reports must be signed and sealed by this registered design professional. The signed and sealed test report shall be reviewed by the registered design professional of record for the project to ensure the design intent has been achieved.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Amador Barzaga, Training and Certification Officer at (786) 315-2559.

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