



December 16, 2008

**TO: PARTIES INTERESTED IN EVALUATION REPORTS ON EXTERIOR CONTINUOUS THERMAL INSULATION SYSTEMS (ECTIS)**

**SUBJECT: Proposed Acceptance Criteria for Exterior Continuous Thermal Insulation Systems (ECTIS), Subject AC397-0808-R2 (RG/RK)**

Dear Madam or Sir:

The subject new acceptance criteria was reviewed under the alternate criteria process. The proposed revisions were posted on the ICC-ES web site for public comment in August of 2008. No negative comments on the proposed revisions were received and the revised acceptance criteria was approved by ballot of the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee in August 2008 with a January 1, 2009, effective date. The enclosed criteria includes editorial revisions based on comments from the committee members as follows:

1. Editorially revised Section 1.2, Lines 12-14, to read as follows: "This acceptance criteria applies to ECTIS used as an exterior wall covering as defined in Section 1402 of the IBC. ECTIS are intended as exterior, nonbearing wall coverings providing a weather-resistant wall envelope on walls required to be combustibile or . . ."
2. Editorially revised Item 3 under Section 4.5.2 to read as follows: "Potential Heat: This test of the foam plastic insulation of the specimen tested under Item 1 of Section 4.5.2 of this criteria shall be conducted in accordance with NFPA 259 to establish the potential heat of the foam plastic. See IBC Section ~~2603.5.7~~ 2603.5.3."
3. Editorially revised Item 4 under Section 4.5.2 to read as follows: "Ignition: This test of the ECTIS lamina and foam plastic insulation shall be conducted in accordance with NFPA 268 and the results shall comply with the requirement in IBC Section 2603.5.2 that there shall be no sustained flaming. Additional considerations are in Section 4.5.3."
4. Added Section 6.5 to read as follows: "All walls must be braced in accordance with the applicable code."

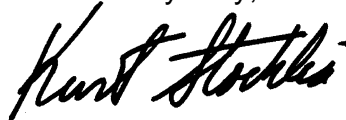
Evaluation reports issued on or after the effective date noted above, and falling within the scope of this criteria, will be required to comply with the revised, published edition of the criteria. Evaluation reports issued prior to the effective date may be in compliance either with the revised acceptance criteria or with the previous edition. Evaluation reports based

on a superseded version of an acceptance criteria must be brought into compliance with the most recent edition at the time the reports are reissued. Therefore, applicants should submit data verifying compliance at the time they apply for re-examination.

ICC-ES evaluation reports issued on or after the effective date noted above, both new reports and conversions of legacy reports, must comply with this criteria if they fall within its scope.

If you have any questions, please contact Ram Gnanasekaran, evaluation specialist, at (800) 423-6587, extension 3275. You may also reach us by e-mail at [es@icc-es.org](mailto:es@icc-es.org).

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt Stochlia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kurt Stochlia  
Vice President

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Enclosures

cc: Evaluation Committee