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Comments on Criteria AC01.

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Comments:

Please refer to the attached letter for comments.

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December 29, 2009

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RE: Proposed Revisions to the Acceptance Criteria AC01

Dear Mahmut:

This is regarding the eight proposed revisions to AC01 that are detailed in your letter to Parties Interested in Evaluation Reports on Expansion Anchors in Masonry Elements dated December 1, 2009.

We have reviewed the revisions that you have proposed and report that we are supportive of the first seven changes. Regarding suggested change Number 8, it appears that you are trying to make the group testing requirements of AC01 mirror the group testing requirements of AC58. We would be supportive of this concept if the current "mandatory/optional" requirements of the group tests shown in Table 3 of AC58 were also included in the group test requirements in Table 2 of AC01. In addition, we would be supportive of this concept if the footnotes for the group tests in Table 3 of AC58 were included in the footnotes for the group tests in Table 2 of AC01. In other words, with respect to group anchor testing, all of the AC58 Table 3 language should be repeated in AC01 Table 2.

Also, you requested input regarding the affect the new editions of the ASTM standards noted in this criteria may have on the testing procedures. For these anchors, ASTM E488 is the testing standard that is utilized. The date referenced for E488 is 1996, and the standard was reapproved in 2003 without change. Nothing with respect to this testing procedure has changed in the last 14 years. Therefore, retesting is not required.

Thank you for the opportunity to review these proposed revisions to AC01. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. La Vine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris La Vine
Sr. Anchor Systems Engineer