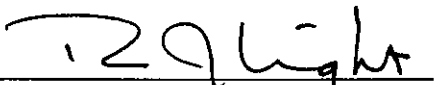


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Interpretation Date:	October 21, 2008	
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2006	
Subject:	Vent pipe terminals	
Keywords:	Vent piping, terminals, frost closure.	
Building Code Reference(s):	7.5.6.5.(6)	
<b>Question:</b>	<p>In areas where frost closure may occur, does Clause 7.5.6.5.(6)(a) mean that increasing a 3 inch size vent pipe to 4 inches immediately before it penetrates the roof satisfies the requirements of Sentence 7.5.6.5.(6)?</p>	
<b>Interpretation:</b>	<p>Yes</p> <p>In accordance with Sentence 7.5.6.5.(6) where a vent pipe passes through a roof and may be subject to frost closure, it shall be protected from such closure. Any one of the methods described in Clauses 7.5.6.5.(6) (a), (b) or (c) may be used to satisfy this requirement.</p> <p>If increasing the size of the vent pipe in accordance with Clause 7.5.6.5.(6)(a), all vents less than 3 inch in size must be increased to a minimum 3 inch size before penetrating the roof. Accordingly, all vents 3 inches in size or larger, shall be increased at least one size in diameter (i.e., 3 inch to 4 inch).</p>	
		
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