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Question:

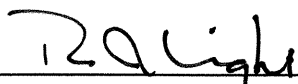
Does an impermeable surfaced deck have to comply with Section 9.26 if it does not serve as a roof over habitable space?

Interpretation:

Yes, if the deck does not provide free drainage through the deck.

Division B, Sentence 9.26.1.1.(2) states that roofs shall include platforms that effectively serve as roofs with respect to the accumulation or drainage of precipitation.

Appendix A-9.26.1.1.(2) further clarifies the meaning of the phrase "effectively serve as roofs". Platforms, such as decks or balconies, that do not permit the free drainage of water through their surface, are considered as roofs since water will pond on the surface. Such platforms have to comply with Section 9.26.



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