

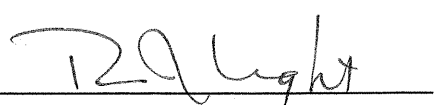
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INTERPRETATION

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Interpretation Date:	November 22, 2011
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2006
Subject:	Combustible Refuse Storage, Soiled Linen Storage
Keywords:	Combustible, refuse, storage, soiled linen, linen chute
Building Code Reference(s):	3.6.2.5.(1), 3.6.3.3.(7)
Question:	Does Article 3.6.2.5. for combustible refuse storage apply to a room that is used to store soiled linen?
Interpretation:	<p>No</p> <p>Sentence 3.6.2.5.(1) requires that a room that is used for the storage of combustible refuse must be separated from the remainder of the building by a fire separation with a 1 hour fire resistance rating and must also be sprinklered.</p> <p>Combustible refuse in this context means garbage and recycling materials.</p> <p>Soiled linen is not considered to be combustible refuse.</p> <p>It should be noted that if the linen storage room is a discharge location for a linen chute, then Sentence 3.6.3.3.(7) requires the room to be separated from the remainder of the building by a fire separation with a 1 hour fire resistance rating.</p>
	 R. J. Light, Committee Chair
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