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INTERPRETATION

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Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2018
Subject:	Limiting Distance in Remote Areas
Keywords:	limiting distance
Building Code Reference(s):	9.10.15.3.; 9.10.15.2.(2); 9.10.15.4.(3); 9.10.15.5.(3); 9.10.15.5.(11)
Question:	<p>Article 9.10.15.3. requires using half the actual limiting distance for input when calculating the requirements of Subsection 9.10.15. with exceptions of three Sentences: 9.10.15.2.(2), 9.10.15.4.(3) and 9.10.15.5.(3).</p> <p>Sentences 9.10.15.5.(5) and (11) establish the requirements for combustible roof soffits in the exposing building faces of houses.</p> <p>Is it required to use half the actual limiting distance when applying Sentences 9.10.15.5.(5) and (11)</p>
Interpretation:	<p>No.</p> <p>Sentences 9.10.15.5.(5) and (11) do not mention limiting distance, so they are not affected by the firefighter response time.</p>
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