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INTERPRETATION

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Subject:	Inverted Roof Slope
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Building Code Reference(s):	9.26.1.1.; Table 9.26.2.1.-B; 9.26.3.1.; Table 9.26.3.1.
Question:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In a Part 9 building, is the roof slope of an inverted roof determined by the slope of the roofing membrane?2. Should the rigid insulation of the inverted roof follow the slope of the roofing membrane?
Interpretation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Yes As clarified in Article 9.26.1.1. the roofing shall mean the primary covering for roof – otherwise known as a membrane. Table 9.26.2.1.-B lists the variety of common roofing membranes. Table 9.26.3.1. provides minimum and maximum slopes to drains required for various types of roofing materials.2. This is not regulated by the Building Code but is good practice. Rigid insulation installed over the roofing membrane should be installed over the drain mat and follow the roofing membrane slopes.
	
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