MEMO

TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

FROM: Herminio F. González, P.E., Director
Building Code Compliance Office

DATE: November 26, 2007

SUBJECT: Hurricane Mitigation Retrofit Manual

At their meeting of November 15th, 2007, the Board of Rules and Appeals rendered an interpretation and clarification relevant to the Hurricane Mitigation Retrofit Manual.

1. The 15% limitation on enhancing roof to wall connections includes the cost of investigation, reports, permits and shop drawings, etc., as well as the necessary retrofits.

2. In addition to the removal of sheathing described in the prescriptive retrofit solutions, other on site inspection methods may be employed to provide a visual examination of the roof to wall connections for verification of rafter/truss anchorage.

3. If original plans, on file, show compliance with the mitigation uplift capacities for the roof to wall connections and the structure was inspected and finaled, the structure is exempt from on-site investigation and retrofit.

4. If a roof section is replaced, the requirement for a secondary water barrier, any necessary re-nailing of the sheathing and any required enhancement of the roof to wall connections only applies to that specific roof section.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kenneth Everett, Code Compliance Specialist (Roofing) at (305) 375-3450.