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MEMO

TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

FROM: Herminio F. González, P.E., Director
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DATE: November 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Assignment of Responsibility for Mandatory Fire Stopping Inspections

At their meeting of November 15th, 2007, the Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) rendered an interpretation regarding the application of the Florida Building Code, Section 109.3 and its enforcement regarding fire stopping inspections, for new permits. The Board ruled that:

1. Fire stopping inspections shall be performed by each trade at the time of rough inspection.
2. At the framing or drywall inspection, the building inspector shall inspect the fire stopping assemblies to confirm the assemblies have not been disturbed or otherwise modified.
3. Results of the fire stopping inspections shall be annotated on the permit card at the time of inspection.
4. When the fire stopping penetrations are limited to the trades, the inspection by the building inspector is not necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Pete Quintela, Code Compliance Specialist (Mechanical) at (305) 375-2901 ext. 4622 or Kevin Carrier, Code Compliance Specialist (Fire) at (305) 375-2901 ext. 4317.