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Dear Mr. Hughes:

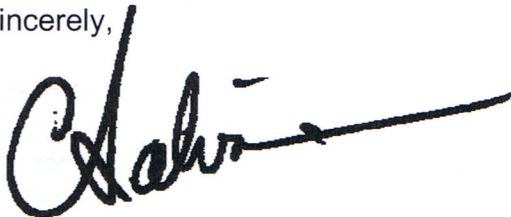
Thank you for your email of May 14, 2009 requesting an interpretation of the requirements of Sentence 9.26.1.1.(2).

I hereby confirm for you that exterior decks and balconies that do not permit the free draining of water and are configured such that there is the possibility of the accumulation of standing water (i.e. ponding) must be designed in the same manner as a roof. These balconies and decks must have roofing materials applied to prevent the ingress of water into the deck assembly using one or more of the materials listed in Sentence 9.26.2.1.(1) and any of the relevant Subsections of Section 9.26.

Demonstration of conformance with the relevant standards can be achieved in a variety of ways. CCMC listings and evaluation reports are one way and are specifically referenced in Sentence 1.2.2.1.(2) of Division A of the Alberta Building Code 2006. Professional involvement is another potential solution, though even there, the professional would have to be able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the safety codes officer that the product he/she is giving their opinion on does actually conform to the standard.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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