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April Trafton
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Via email: aktrafton@dfda1.com

Re: Formal Interpretation letter ballot results FI 001
Final Closing Date: June 7, 2016
2012 Uniform Mechanical Code

Dear Ms. Trafton:

I am transmitting to you herewith the following final ballot results.

The proposed Formal Interpretation asks the following question:

Section 504.1 (Makeup and Exhaust-Air Ducts) of the 2012 UMC reads as follows:

“Exhaust ducts shall terminate outside the building...” Per the code, the environmental ducts should terminate at the exterior face of the building.

The definition of air exhaust in Section 203.0 is “Air, Exhaust-Air being removed from any space or piece of equipment and conveyed directly to the atmosphere by mean of openings of ducts.”

Per Section 504.5, all exhaust penetrations shall be 3 feet away from an opening into the building. Attached drawings indicate typical exhaust layouts for a residential building.

Question: An environmental air duct is permitted to terminate under the balcony of the occupancy it serves. Is this correct?

Answer: Yes

The proposed Formal Interpretation was balloted through the Mechanical Technical Committee in accordance with Section 6-3.4 of the Regulations Governing Committee Projects and achieved the necessary three-fourths majority agreement for the question.



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In accordance with Section 6-4.2 of the Regulations Governing Committee Projects, this formal interpretation shall apply to the 2012 edition of the *Uniform Mechanical Code*. Please note that the effective date of the formal interpretation will be 20 days from the date of this letter, unless an appeal is filed with the IAPMO Standards Council in accordance with Section 1-6 of the Regulations Governing Committee Projects.

Sincerely,

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