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RE: Outsulation MEA 67-87 and Code Compliance in New York and New York City

To Whom It May Concern,

The State of New York adopted the International Building Code (IBC) in July 2002. This resulted in the discontinuation of the Certificate of Acceptability process at the state level. Dryvit Outsulation systems have been evaluated against the requirements of both the IBC and the International Residential Code (IRC) by third party agencies. These systems are continually evaluated as these codes are revised during each code cycle. This generally occurs every three years in which the newest version of the code will typically adopt the relevant edition of any referenced test standards. This includes various ASTM, AAMA, and NFPA standards among many others. A full list of referenced standards can be found in Chapters 35 and 44 of the IBC and IRC, respectively.

New York City has published its own building codes. In 2007 Local Law 33 repealed all administrative code sections that regulated MEA and enacted new administrative sections regulating materials and inspections.

The MEA process was used by both the state of New York and the city of New York to verify that systems and/or materials that were not specifically addressed in the building code met the intent of the code. Performance requirements for EIFS and associated components are now directly addressed in the IBC, IRC, and New York City codes.

Dryvit carries active code listings for our various Outsulation systems that provide a comprehensive statement of compliance with the IBC and IRC. EIFS is addressed in Chapter 14 of the NYC building code in which the performance requirements are mirrored from the IBC. Furthermore, section 28-113.3.5 of the administrative code allows the use of research reports to assist in the approval of materials not specifically provided for in the New York City building code.

Outsulation Code Listings can be viewed and downloaded from the <u>ICC-ES Reports Directory</u> by searching *Tremco* under *Manufacturer*.

Should further questions arise, or should you require the assistance of our Engineering department, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

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