TECHNICAL ADVISORY

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Subject: Roof Re-covering and Product Approval

This technical advisory clarifies the board's position on the applicability of Rule 9B-72, F.A.C. during roof re-coverings.

Roofing products, as defined in Rule 9B-72.010 (31) (d), F.A.C., are required to be approved in accordance with the provisions of the rule. These product approvals include or refer to specific methods or standards for installation and therefore are applicable to roof re-covering just as in new roofs or roof replacements.

Section 511, 2004 FBC-Existing Building allows for the recovering of existing roof assemblies with the exception of certain conditions as noted in the section.

Currently, product approvals for re-cover systems are available for low-slope roof systems. The board is not aware of any approved recover systems for installing asphalt or fiberglass shingles over an existing shingle roof.

The BCAB recommends that the recover of an existing roof assembly be permitted only with a current product approval for the proposed roof covering which includes the specific recover installation.

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