

March 27, 2008

Mr. Paul Ellringer
Air Tamarack, Inc
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: 2006 IRC Chapter 2, definitions, vapor retarder

Dear Mr. Ellringer,

You have requested a “division opinion” for the division to determine if a certain material meets the State Building Code. The division does not have statutory authority to approve materials in the form of a division opinion, or any other format. This authority rests with the local code official.

While we do not approve the products we did review the materials you submitted. It contained data from the manufacturer indicating the material was tested to the standard referenced in the code. This is the correct test method required by the code for the material to be approved. Specifically, you have obtained testing for a vapor retarder material, performed by a nationally recognized testing agency, that indicates compliance with the testing requirements in IRC Chapter 2 for a vapor retarder.

As with all product approvals, the designated building officials for municipalities in Minnesota are responsible for approving materials based on the requirements of the code for the intended end use. The designated building official for the municipality is also responsible to review the application and determine it is installed in accordance with the code and the manufactures requirements. Information, including test reports, must be submitted to each municipal building official where the product will be used so its intended use can be determined code compliant.

In our review of the documents you submitted there are some specific requirements the manufacturer has placed on the product that limit its use under certain installed conditions. These specific manufacturer requirements would need to be complied with in order for the local building official to approve the installation.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Anderson
State Building Official