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**MORE DETAILS ON FIRST FORMAL INTERPRETATION FROM RCAC**

As you may be aware, the Residential Construction Advisory Committee (RCAC) issued its first formal interpretation at its March meeting addressing clarification on section 502.14 of RCO. As the Committee is empowered to do, it sent its first formal code interpretation to the BBS for publication describing how drywall should be installed pursuant to 502.14. The Committee approved a document with technical descriptions and illustrations setting out its intentions and expectations under the code requirement. The RCAC is interested in eventually adding photos of the 'finished product' installed to use as attachments to further ensure builders and code officials are on the same page.

The formal interpretation will be posted on the BBS website, as well as, sent out to include with the code book as a reference for builders and code officials.

Also included in the interpretation is language explaining the path to achieving equivalent compliance for use of an alternative product. Therefore, the formal interpretation issued further clarifies what is actually required to comply with 502.14 using drywall installation, if indeed installing the drywall, and how to determine if an alternative product will be accepted as an equivalent removing the need for drywall to satisfy 502.14. There is a process in place alternative products must go through in order to be accepted as equivalents in the code for this and any other section of the RCO. So far, there have been 2 products we are aware of which companies have properly and successfully shown to be equivalent for compliance with 502.14.