



## CITRUS COUNTY BUILDING DIVISION

**Attention: General, Building, and Residential Contractors;  
Framing Contractors; Superintendents**

### **Subject: Sheathing Inspections**

We have been asked to consider allowing a modification to our bare-roof sheathing inspection requirement which contractors might utilize during periods of predictable and sustained inclement weather. The "bare-roof" requirement is the result of a persistent 35% failure rate on sheathing inspections dating back to 1994.

APA Rated Exposure 1 structural panels have "a fully waterproof bond and are designed for applications where long construction delays may be expected prior to providing protection..." However, we are aware of additional concerns ranging from unhappy customers to excessive warping and mold spore liability should those products be subjected to repeated inundation.

Therefore, in an effort to provide the requested relief without compromising our primary responsibility to conduct a proper inspection, we will offer the following "professional courtesy" subject to the following stipulations:

During predictable, inclement weather, typically June 1st through September 15th, and at such other times as the National Weather Service forecasts prolonged rainy conditions, those contractors desiring to cover their sheathing prior to inspection may do so SUBJECT to the following provisions:

- All panels installed with grade stamps facing down
- Contractors representative must be on site for sheathing inspections and must be prepared to expose sheathing in any and all locations requested by the inspector. Any code violation uncovered in this manner will result in a failed inspection. Two or more failed areas will result in a bare roof re-inspection.

It should be remembered that we require, as a general rule, bare-roof sheathing inspections. This provision is a professional courtesy extended in a cooperative spirit and should be treated accordingly.

Note: Gable ends may be sheathed and covered prior to erection. Again, a representative must be present and prepared to expose the sheathing for the inspector.