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Subject: Sealing of compliance assurance documents
by a P.E. or an R.A.

Reference: MRR - Part V, Section 1(A)

ISSUE: Which compliance assurance documents submitted by a manufacturer are required to be sealed by a Professional Engineer or a Registered Architect?

INTERP: Neither the MRR nor the UAP require a manufacturer to submit documents sealed by a P.E. or an R.A. Whether a document is required to be sealed by a P.E. or an R.A. is governed by the laws of the state in which the documents are prepared. If the state of manufacture, by state law, requires the design documents for the type of building being produced to be sealed, then the documents must be sealed. The manufacturer, under Part V, Section 1(A)(7) of the MRR, must submit the required documents including design calculations and/or test reports to its evaluation agency for review. The evaluation agency is responsible for reviewing these documents using qualified staff as described under Part VI, Section 4 of the UAP, including but not limited to Subsection (F), structural calculation reviewers. The only time the manufacturer is responsible for submitting sealed documents is if it has elected to implement the design program by the manufacturer (alternate method) under Part IV, Section 3 of the UAP. Under this optional program, all structural calculations must be sealed by a P.E. or an R.A. Additionally, some IBC states that reserve the right to perform plan reviews for particular use groups may require certain documents to be sealed.

FORMAL INTERPRETATION