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Special Inspection for Seismic Resistance Exception

Code: 2012 North Carolina Building Code
Section: 1707

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Question:

Are special inspections for seismic resistance as described in Section 1707 required if the building is exempt from special inspections by Section 1704.1.2?

Answer:

No. The reference in Section 1707.1 to Section 1704.1 includes the limits set forth in Section 1704.1.2. If the building is not required to have special inspections by Section 1704.1.2, then special inspections as noted in Section 1707 are not required.

Note that buildings not required by Section 1704.1.2 to have special inspections does not determine the applicability of Sections 1708 – Structural Testing for Seismic Resistance and 1710 – Structural Observation. Sections 1708 and 1710 are applicable to structures listed in each section respectively.

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