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**FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Interpretation by Building Law Compliance Officer  
Division of Fire and Building Safety  
Indiana Department of Homeland Security**

**Title:** Interpretation of Section 1103.2.1 and Section N1106 (Indiana Residential Code, 2005 edition)

**Date:** January 28, 2014

**Purpose:** To clarify that a builder may use Section N1106, performance based compliance in chapter 4 of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). In lieu of Section 1103.2.1 the prescriptive method for duct insulation in the attic of a home.

**Interpretation:** The Building Law Compliance Officer interprets the following sections as establishing alternatives for the required duct insulation in a Class 2 Structure. The performance based method in Section 1106 may be used in lieu of the prescriptive method contained Section 1103.2.1 if a certified Residential Energy Specialist uses a nationally recognized modeling software to model the energy rating of the home.

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