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**Indiana
Code You
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Commenting
On:** R905.1.2, R905.1.3 and Table 301.2 (1)

Additions to earlier submitted comments:

As a contractor who has witnessed the damages resulting from ice damming, we champion the efforts to amend the upcoming building code to include Ice and Water Shield at the eaves of steep slope roofing systems for the entire state of Indiana. The damage to the exterior and interior of homes can be prevented with the installation of Ice and Water Shield at the Eaves for a fraction of the cost homeowners and insurance companies are paying to mitigate the damages caused by even one occurrence of ice damming during the life of a home.

**Comment or
Proposal:**

Homeowners are sometimes not aware of issues resulting from ice damming until they are visual on the interior wall of the home. By that time, the roof sheathing could be saturated with water, the attic insulation could be saturated with water, and there could be the start of mold growth in those areas. As a contractor, we are limited to the extent of what we can do to mitigate the cause of the damages by the weather conditions. These weather conditions make it nearly impossible to attempt the roofing restoration work needed to stop the interior damage to the home.

Recognizing that any change to the building code must meet two critical criteria :

1. It must be in the best interest to protect Indiana's homeowners and property owners.
2. It must be reasonable that builders and constructions companies can understand and execute to the building code.

For those two reasons, we are amending our previously submitted comments and we urge you to support the revised code language submitted on our behalf by Owens Corning.

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