

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-52-00

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The following is offered in response to your letter in which you request a formal interpretation of Section 114.3 of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code.

Question: A four-story building that is sixty feet in height has four metal fume exhaust stacks that exceed the sixty feet height of the building. Do the fume exhaust stacks cause the building to exceed the threshold limits set forth in Section 114.3 of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code?

Answer: No. Mechanical equipment that is appurtenant to a building whose height is otherwise below the threshold limit does not cause that building to exceed the threshold limits because the equipment exceeds the sixty feet height limitation.