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MEMORANDUM

TO: BUILDING DEPARTMENT STAFF

FROM: MARK W. MARCHUS, C.B.O.

RE: Foam Form Foundation Wall Systems

DATE: MAY 18, 1998

The use of foam plastic foundation forms is becoming very popular. As you know, some of these systems have ICBO or NRB reports and approvals. To accommodate as many of these systems as possible the following policy will be adopted regarding foam foundation systems:

1. Systems with ICBO or NRB approvals may be installed using their approvals. Where these systems are installed and are retaining more than 4' of earth they will be required to provide an engineered design for the earth retainage. Special inspection will not be required on walls up to 8' in height. Walls higher than 8' will require special inspection to assure proper placement of concrete.
2. Currently we will accept two foam form systems which don't have an ICBO or NRB report. These systems are "Reward Wall System" and "Ice Block". These systems will be accepted for foundation walls up to 4' in height. Minimum wall thickness for single story is 6" and 8" for two story. Special inspection will not be required for 4' walls.

A builder wishing to use either of these systems beyond a wall height of 4' will be required to submit engineered plans for review and approval.