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DATE: October 20, 2005
TO: All Building Officials
FROM: James DiPietro 
Administrative Director
SUBJECT: **Identification of Mechanical Equipment**

At the meeting of October 20, 2005 the Board approved an interpretation of Sec. 304.11(section 304.12, 2010 FBC, Mechanical) of the Florida Mechanical Code (FMC) and identical language in Sec. 304.9 of the 2001 Florida Mechanical Code (FMC). These sections of the code require marking of appliances (air conditioning equipment) serving different areas of a building other than where they are installed to uniquely identify the appliance and the area it serves.

The purpose of these sections is to easily identify equipment for servicing and in case of an emergency. An example would be multiple installations of appliances on a roof top of an office building, condominium, apartment building, etc. There is no requirement for identification of appliances contained in the Florida Residential Code.

Formal Interpretation:

Sections 304.11 (section 304.12, 2010 FBC, Mechanical) of the FMC and 304.9 of the 2001 FMC do not apply to buildings governed under the Florida Residential Code. These buildings include detached one-two family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with a separate means of egress.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 20, 2005
RE-ISSUED: March 1, 2009
RE-ISSUED: March 15, 2012

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