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IHB TB 13-01 – Foam Plastic Insulation in Attic and Crawl Spaces

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Code: 2009 International Building Code (IBC)

Referenced Sections: 2603.4.1.6, Attics and crawl spaces

Subject: Thermal Barriers

In an attic or crawl space where entry is made only for service of utilities, and when foam plastics are used, an ignition barrier may be used in place of a thermal barrier to cover the foam plastic to separate the foam plastic from the crawl space or attic space - *the ignition barrier separates the foam plastic from the attic or crawl space areas, not from the interior of the building.*

Section 2603.4 of the IBC still requires a thermal barrier between the interior space above (crawl space) or below (attic) in a structure and the foam plastic.