

## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-15-08

September 9, 2008

The following is offered in response to your email dated August 15, 2008 in which you seek a formal interpretation. This question would apply to Section 1009.1, of the 2003 International Building Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code.

**Question:** In Section 1009.1, IBC 2003, does Exception #1 refer to the entire occupant load of the story served by the stair, or the occupant load assigned to the stair?

**Answer:** Section 1009.1, Exception #1, permits the stair width to be 36 inches when the entire occupant load of the story served by the stair is 50 or less occupants.