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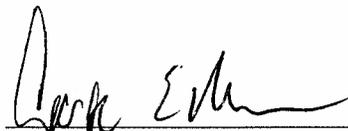
DOCUMENT: 2007 / 2002 Kentucky Residential Code (KRC)
1995 CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code
2006 / 2000 International Mechanical Code
1993 BOCA/National Mechanical Code

SUBJECT: Dryer exhaust termination
Section 1501.1 - 2007 / 2002 Kentucky Residential Code (KRC)
Section 1801- 1995 CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code
Section 504.4 - 2006 / 2000 International Mechanical Code
Section M-312.1 - 1993 BOCA/National Mechanical Code

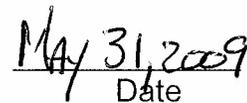
QUESTION: Can the moisture vent of a residential clothes dryer terminate in a vented crawl space or attic space?

ANSWER: No.

COMMENTARY: Section M1502.2 specifically states that the exhaust duct shall terminate to the outside of the building. The attic and crawl space is not considered outside the building. Venting to the outside is intended to transfer the moisture from the dryer to the outdoor air thereby eliminating the build up of excess moisture within the structure.



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