

Oregon
Interpretive Ruling No. 93-25
ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS FOR
AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS LOCATED IN FLOOD PLAINS

Requested By: PPPI MANUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

QUESTION

Some building officials require engineered plans for an entire farm agricultural building located in a flood plain. Is it excessive regulation to require engineering for any aspect of an agricultural building other than flood worthiness or flood proofing?

APPLICABLE CODE SECTIONS

1993 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC), Appendix Chapter 11 and 23.

BACKGROUND

The Oregon legislature exempted agricultural buildings save for:

1. Incorporated cities may regulate them.
2. Buildings required to be flood-proofed by the National Flood Insurance Program or municipal ordinance are not exempt.

The Structural Code Advisory Board's policy is, when the building official deems engineered plans are needed for agricultural buildings in a flood plain, only those portions of the building pertaining to the flood worthiness or flood-proofing shall be required to be engineered and not the whole structure.

Preferences: Lindahl letter of 12/2/80 and SCAB minutes of 1/27/80.

Originally Approved by: Jane Huston, Director of Commerce.

FINDINGS

The PPPI Manual Review Committee and the Structural Code Advisory Board find this interpretation still valid and recommend it be retained.

This interpretation is authorized by ORS 455.060, Rulings on Acceptability of Materials, Designs or Methods of Construction and Attorney General's Opinion OP-5208 issued October 1, 1981, advising the statute permits authoritative interpretations of existing code requirements.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

When the building official deems engineered plans are needed for agricultural buildings in a flood plain, only those portions of the building pertaining to the flood worthiness or flood proofing shall be required to be engineered and not the whole structure. Interpretive Ruling 93-25 replaces PPPI 2017.

(signed July 21, 1993)

John Talbott, Chairman
Structural Code Advisory Board

The recommendations and findings of the Structural Code Advisory Board are accepted and the conclusions are adopted.

(signed July 30, 1993)

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