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Florida Building Commission
Request for Declaratory Statement

Subject: Applicability of the Florida Building Code to Electrical Generator Set Equipment Enclosures.

Background: Advanced Manufacturing & Power Systems, Inc., an approved Modular Building manufacturer per 9B-1, requests that the Commission review and clarify the following areas of the Code.

Gentlemen,

Advanced Manufacturing & Power Systems (AMPS) provides approved products for use in equipment enclosures in the state of Florida. The majority of these enclosures are to protect electrical generating sets from the elements, as well as to provide sound reduction. There is a great amount of confusion in the electrical generator community regarding the applicability of the Code to these enclosures. This confusion can be seen in the recent, multiple requests for clarification to the building department. The area of concern is as follows.

- A. Is a generator enclosure a building as defined in the Florida Building Code, whether or not it is intended to be occupied? In most cases these units are free-standing structures. Attached are sample pictures for reference.

Based on the definition in Section 202, " **BUILDING**. Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy." it appears that these equipment enclosures are buildings and fall under the Code's purview. A formal declaration from the Commission reiterating this position is requested.

Sincerely,

Joseph Scofield
President



