

**Issue: DS 2024-0039:** The petitioner Chad Villers of Parge Guard LLC is seeking a declaratory statement to clarify whether Parge Guard falls within the scope of the Florida Product Approval Program.

**Petitioner seeks clarification of the following question:**

Question:

Do Parge Guard LLC's products, the 2 listed above, need to go through the Florida Product Approval Program, Rule 61 G20.3 from the Florida Building Commission if the products pass up-to-date codes and are not structural?

**Background:**

Parge Guard LLC is a licensed manufacturer of the product called Parge Guard and Moisture Mitigator. The products in question are used to provide drainage and ventilation for stucco, natural and manufactured thin stone and brick over sheathing.

Products:

Moisture Mitigator - formed polymeric sheeting made from HOPE which measures 6mm in depth (exceeds drainage space mentioned in 2023 Building Code Section 2510.6.2 Moist and Marine Climates.)

Parge Guard - formed polymeric sheeting made from HOPE which measures 6mm in depth that is mechanically attached to Standard galvanized steel lath that meets ASTM C847, A653, and C1063 standards.

**61G20-3 Product Approval**

Rule 61G20-3.001- Scope

(1) Products in the following categories as defined by subcategories of subsection 61G20-3.002(33), F.A.C., shall be available for approval by the Commission pursuant to Rule 61G20-3.007, F.A.C., for use in the state:

- (a) Panel Walls;
- (b) Exterior Doors;
- (c) Roofing Products;
- (d) Skylights;
- (e) Windows;
- (f) Shutters;
- (g) Structural Components; and
- (h) Impact Protective Systems.

(2) This rule applies to approval of products and systems, which comprise the building envelope and structural frame, for compliance with the structural requirements of the Florida Building Code.

## **Rule 61G20-3.002- Definitions**

(33) Subcategory of product or construction system means a specific functionality:

(a) For exterior door:

1. Exterior door assemblies: roll-up, sectional, sliding, swinging, automatic; pre-engineered roof access hatches; and products introduced as a result of new technology;

2. Exterior door components and products introduced as a result of new technology;

(b) For windows: awning, casement, dual action, double hung, single hung, fixed, horizontal slider, projected, pass through, mullions, and products introduced as a result of new technology;

(c) For panel walls: siding, soffits, exterior insulation finish system (EIFS), storefronts, curtain walls, wall louver, glass block, and products introduced as a result of new technology;

(d) For roofing products: built up roofing, modified bitumen roof system, single ply roof systems, spray applied polyurethane roof system, roofing fasteners, roofing insulation, asphalt shingles, wood shingles and shakes, roofing slate, roof tile adhesives, cements-adhesives-coatings, liquid applied roof systems, underlayments, metal roofing, roofing tiles, waterproofing, roofing accessories that are an integral part of the roofing system and products introduced as a result of new technology;

(e) For shutters: accordion, Bahama, storm panels, fabric storm panel, colonial, roll-up, pre-engineered equipment, protection, and products introduced as a result of new technology;

(f) For skylights: skylight, and products introduced as a result of new technology; and

(g) For structural components: truss plates, wood connectors, anchors, exterior coolers-freezers, insulation form systems, engineered lumber, pre-engineered air conditioner stands, structural wall components, and roof deck, and products introduced as a result of new technology.

(h) For impact protective systems include types that are fixed, operable, or removable.

## **Staff Analysis**

### **Question:**

Do Parge Guard LLC's products, the 2 listed above, need to go through the Florida Product Approval Program, Rule 61 G20.3 from the Florida Building Commission if the products pass up-to-date codes and are not structural?

### **Answer:**

The answer to the Petitioner's question is no. Pursuant to Rule 61G20-3.001 Scope and Rule 61G20-3.002 Definitions, the product(s) in question fall outside the scope of the State product approval program. However, these products must meet the requirements of the Florida Building Code and are subject to approval by the *local authority having jurisdiction*.