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Travel Distance to Gas Fired Equipment in a Crawl Space

Code: 2002 Fuel Gas Code

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Section: 306.4

Question:

Can the travel distance to gas fired equipment in a crawl space exceed 20 feet when the access opening and passageway is not less than 6 feet high for its entire length ?

Answer:

Yes, the commentary committee interpretation is when the access door and passageway in a crawl space is not less than 6 feet in height and a width of 3 feet, then the travel passageway may exceed 20 feet to the gas fired equipment. With the travel passageway height of not less than 6 feet, section 306.3 of the 2002 NC Fuel Gas Code allows the travel passageway to the gas fired equipment to exceed 20 feet in the attic space. The 2003 International Fuel Gas Code section 306.4 states “where the passageway is not less than 6 feet high for its entire length, the passageway shall not be limited in length. The above section will be part of the 2006 NC Fuel Gas Code.