



Interpretation

Section 26. Strength requirements

Rule 261A2a Grades B and C construction, Wood structures (2007 Edition, page 200) (11 May 2010) IR561

The intended point of time in a project's life is not clearly stated. Does the sunset date of 31 July 2010 apply to the date the design of a project was started, date design was completed, date construction started or date construction was completed?

Discussion: There can be projects that were “designed” prior to the elimination of the alternate method in our utility design practices and Construction Standards, which may have used the alternate method, that have not been constructed or may not complete construction by the sunset date. The delay in construction may have been internal or a local governmental body delaying a road project. Depending on the intended point of time in a project's life, some project designs may need to be reviewed for compliance.

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The Interpretations Subcommittee has considered the subject Interpretation Request for Rule 261A2a and has developed a consensus report as follows:

“Rule 261A2a prohibits use of the “alternate method” after 31 July 2010 if both design and approval processes were started after that date. The intent of this Rule is to follow the schedule for the effective date of a new NESC edition as outlined in Rule 016.”

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