**GG180-14**

502.1.1

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**Revise as follows:**

502.1.1 Storage and handling of materials. Materials stored and handled onsite shall comply with the applicable manufacturer’s printed or electronic media instructions. Where manufacturer’s printed instructions are not available, approved printed or electronic media standards or guidelines shall be followed.

**Reason:** While tangible documentation is essential to the code process, limiting the format of documents that might be used to substantiate an action only to print-format material seems archaic.

Permitting the use of electronic media that is produced by a manufacturer or standards setting organization to serve as documentation for material storage issues will not weaken the intent of the language in Section 502.1.1 or harm the overall enforcement of the code. Electronic documents are produced with reference and edition dates and are easily archived.

The IgCC currently endorses the concept of electronic media documentation via a reference to the International Building Code. Section 104 of the IgCC requires construction documents to comply with the IBC. Section 107 of the IBC permits construction submittal documents to be transmitted in electronic media format.

Also, the first sentence has been re-cast to make it clear that Section 502.1.1 addresses the storage of materials and not the materials themselves. At present, the sentence is somewhat unclear.

**Cost Impact:** Will not increase the cost of construction.