## BUILDING BLOCKS

## FLORIDA PRODUCT APPROVALS AND NOA'S Effective Date: 03-15-2012

**PURPOSE -** A directive to inform and help the applicant understand what policy is followed for the review of Florida Product Approvals and NOA's.

**REFERENCE -** 2010 Florida Building Code Sections 1609, 1714 and the Florida Administrative Code Section 9B-72.

**POLICY** – When submitting Florida Product Approvals and NOA's the plans examiners and inspectors will review the following information:

- Version of the Florida Building Code: the document shall be approved under the version of the code that your building permit has been submitted
- Quality Assurance / Expiration Date: the documents submitted must be current, in other words make sure the products have not expired prior submitting for application.
- **Identify the product that you are using**: many products have multiple options listed under the same approval; these products have different characteristics such as impact/non-impact, design pressures, etc. The plans examiner is not able to make that decision for you.
- Ensure that the product has been approved: for product approvals the State may list the product on the web site even when the product is in apply status, make sure the product has been approved before submitting your application.
- **Installation instructions**: ensure that installation instructions are suited for the supporting elements that are part of the building. For example, a window that has been approved for concrete masonry unit or concrete installation shall not be used for a wood framed structure. Copy of the installation instructions must be provided.
- **Follow design professional specifications**: if the design professional has defined a specific product, then the product approvals/NOA must match the specifications provided.