Informal Interpretation

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If this involves an actual situation, explain briefly:

Question (should be worded so that it can be answered with either "Yes" or "No"):

As per Florida Fire Prevention Code (2007) NFPA 101 Section 7.3.1, when calculating the occupant load for a 37,000 GSF Business Occupancy, is it correct (yes or no) to exclude typically non-habitable spaces (hallways, restrooms, mechanical rooms, stairways, etc.) and use the occupant load of 100 GSF/person for all remaining areas, including conference rooms, meeting rooms, and break rooms?

Answer:

The FCIC committee has unanimously ruled the answer to be NO.

Committee Answer Submitted by,

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