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Mr. Greg McIntyre  
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RE: Mt. Edgecumbe Emergency Department Renovation  
Request to the IHS AHJ for Deviation to the FGI Guidelines  
Revision No.1

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

This is in response to your letter to the IHS dated May 9, 2017 requesting a revision to the IHS AHJ letter to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) dated March 24, 2017, based on a revised proposal for the Trauma Resuscitation Room and the Airborne Infection Isolation Room. As such, the following determinations are provided:

1. **Trauma Resuscitation Room:** The proposal to convert the two adjacent exam rooms into one trauma/resuscitation room (when necessary), by opening the collapsible partition and relocating the stretcher is acceptable contingent upon the following conditions:
  - a. Submission of a drawing to the AANHS and the AHJ showing the trauma/resuscitation room configuration with 5-feet of clearance around all sides of the stretcher.
  - b. Assurance the overhead medical gas reel will not negatively impact the fire sprinkler head discharge pattern.
  - c. Assurance the overhead medical gas reel will not adversely impact the ceiling air diffusers in compliance with ASHRAE 170.
2. **Airborne Infection Isolation Room:** The IHS AHJ concurs with the SEARHC proposal to remove the Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR) from the Emergency Department suite proposed modifications and acknowledges an AIIR is not required in Critical Access Hospitals by the FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities.

Sincerely,

/Michael Weaver/

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Enclosures:

SEARHC letter to IHS dated May 9, 2017  
Revised Floor Plan

cc:

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