



Washington State Building Code Council

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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION NO. 24-04

CODE: 2021 Washington State Energy Code

SECTION: Table R402.1.3 / Section R503.1.1

QUESTION: On single wall assembly in remodels, if the wall is opened when replacing siding, is the R-5 continuous insulation in Table R402.1.3 required?

ANSWER: **No. Section R503.1.1 requires only that existing wall cavities be filled with insulation, either to a minimum R-15 for 2x4 walls or R-21 for 2x6 walls.**

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of West Richland