



**Building Services**  
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**SFR-19**  
**Evaluation Report—**  
**What is it?**

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Reference IBC 104.11

The City of Spokane Building Department encourages the use of innovative materials, methods of construction, and designs. Since we do not have the capability of evaluating these innovations in a testing laboratory, we often utilize evaluation reports to allow the use of alternate materials, design, and methods of construction.

Some examples of alternate materials, design, and methods of construction are:

- Insulated Foam Form Products
- Insulated Foam Core Wall and Roof Panels
- Segmental (block) Earth Retaining Systems
- Engineered Structural Wood Products

The International Conference of Building Officials (ICC) is responsible for the writing of the Uniform family of Codes (IBC, IMC, IPC, IFC). ICC has a branch called Evaluation Services (ES) which evaluates alternate materials, designs, and methods of construction for compliance with the intent of the code. ICC ES will, after evaluating the material, method, or design, publish an Evaluation Report, which will state the following:

- Limitations for use of the proposed material, design or method
- Design criteria
- Whether or not engineering is required
- Whether or not special inspection is required

The Building Department will allow you to use an alternate material, design, or method of construction, subject to the conditions and limitations stated in the ICBO ES evaluation report. The Evaluation Report shall be current.

Remember to indicate on your permit application what alternate materials, design, or methods of construction you propose to use on your project, if any. If you have any questions regarding ICC ES reports, you may access ICC through the Internet at [www.icbo.org](http://www.icbo.org) or you may call the Building Department at (509) 625-6300.