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Sincerely,

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It appears that there also may exist some issues with the legitimacy of the Product Evaluation Report and Lab Test 121066 that are used in support of Florida Approval FL 16057. Here are the links for your convenience:

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Please view the attached commentary by American Test Labs of South Florida in regards to supporting documentation used by Zion Tile Corp to obtain the Florida Approval FL 16057.

I respectfully await your response,

Dan Arguelles

Artezanos Inc.

Email received 6/12/2013

Mr. Lopez,

On 5/19/13, I e-mailed you a grievance in reference to Non-Compliant roof tile loaded to a job in 2555 Segovia Circle. by Zion Tile Corp.

As I mentioned before, Zion Tile Corp had recently lost their Miami Dade County N.O.A. last year on October 19, 2012 for distributing Non-Compliant roof tile and now they are continuing the same practice in Coral Gables, Florida.

I am informed by Mr. Mo. Madani that this grievance will be on the Florida Board agenda sometime in August 2013. These infractions are being documented as they occur wherever they may be in order to present them as evidence to the Florida Board. It is for this reason we are filing a new complaint about the Non-Compliant roof tile loaded to the roof at 1430 San Marco Ave Coral Gables, Florida. The Roof tile product appears to be less than the required .91" thickness as approved by the Florida Approval and Quality Control Engineer Evaluation.

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Please let me know if a date has been set yet for this to be heard in front of the Florida Board.

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Mr. Madani,

Please read the response from the new Miami Beach Building Official. It is almost a month now since I lodged my first complaint where you mentioned that it would be heard at the Florida Board in August 2013. This new second complaint is the site that was originally red tagged for non-compliant tile and where an investigation by Miami Dade County Product Control found evidence to remove the N.O.A. It is ironic and very insulting that this same job has been loaded up again with Non-Compliant Tile with a Florida Approval and the job is being installed. Apparently, the lack of immediate intervention with such obvious abuse by a repeated offender creates for them a licence to steal! I urge you to take immediate action as homeowners are left exposed because the Miami Building Official feels it is not his job.

This is a very serious matter and it establishes a very serious precedent,

Sincerely,

Dan Arguelles

In a message dated 6/14/2013 8:24:45 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, MarianoFernandez@miamibeachfl.gov writes:

Mr. Arguelles:

We issue roofing permits in accordance with valid NOA approvals from Miami Dade or the State of Florida. Unless the agencies issuing the approvals reject the NOA the permit is valid and issued to comply with the FBC roofing requirements.

The building inspectors do not perform quality control or assurance of the material associated with these approvals for tile or any other material. The office of Miami Dade Code Compliance Product Control locally and/or the State of Florida 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee FL 32399 Phone: 850-487-1824. The issuance agencies approving the tile or any other material can investigate and remove the NOA approval, and stop any further distribution of materials.

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Mariano V. Fernandez, P.E., *Director/Building Official*

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Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 2:47 PM
To: Fernandez, Mariano
Cc: mo.madani@dbpr.state.fl.us
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