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To Whom it May Concern

Dear Sir:

## **Subject: Wet Metal Building Insulation**

This letter is to clarify the actions that should be taken if OC Fiberglas Metal Building Insulation inadvertently becomes wetted.

Owens Corning recommends that insulation materials and accessories be kept dry and protected before, during, and after installation. If insulation material becomes wet because of transit or job site exposure to moisture or water, the material may be dried in place and once dry, the thermal performance will be unaffected provided the original insulation thickness is maintained.

The primary concern with wetted insulation is the possibility that dirt and other contaminants may have been carried into the insulation. These contaminants may then serve as a nutrient source for mold or mildew growth. An additional concern is that wet insulation will contribute to corrosion and degrade the service life of the system. If these concerns are addressed, the insulation material should function as designed.

I hope this information has been helpful. If you have other questions, please feel free to contact me at (740) 321-7086 or by e-mail at chris.crall@owenscorning.com.

Regards,

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