Ungraded Lumber

Code:  2006 Residential Code  Date:  October 1, 2007
Section:  R602.1

Question:
Can ungraded lumber be used if the lumber is cut from the homeowner’s site?

Answer:
Yes, as an alternate material and method according to Section 105 of the 2006 Administrative Code. Ungraded, unstamped lumber may be used for the construction of a house or accessory building on the owner’s land if:

- The timber is cut from the owner’s land.
- The structure shall be occupied by the owner or a member of his immediate family for a period of at least one year after the Certificate of Occupancy is issued.
- The lumber shall meet the 19 percent moisture content requirement at the time of construction. The lumber must be air dried for 90 days or kiln dried.
- The homeowner contacts the local building inspection department before the timber is cut to verify the source and use of the timber.