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Dear Adrian

Thank you for sharing the results of your recent British Standard 8414-1 tests on two design variations of the cladding system incorporating ACM cladding with fire retardant polyethylene filler (category 2) with phenolic foam insulation. Thank you also for making the test results available on BRE's website.

After considering the test reports, the expert panel felt that this new test evidence provides additional context for building owners when they are considering steps they should undertake with respect to their cladding systems.

We have thus updated the consolidated advice note. Specifically, the advice includes the following footnote update to paragraph 30 of Advice note 11:

- Following completion of government commissioned large scale tests on ACM cladding systems, two other design variations of the cladding system incorporating ACM cladding with fire retardant polyethylene filler (category 2) with phenolic foam insulation have since been tested by manufacturers to British Standard 8414-1 and have achieved a BR-135 classification.
- These results, including design information, are available on the BRE's online catalogue of cladding systems that have passed large scale testing <https://www.bre.co.uk/regulatory-testing>. These results highlight the role of fitting, design and fixing details of cladding systems and their effect on fire performance.
- Our advice continues to be that building owners should take professional advice that looks at the specific circumstances of their building and that considers any variations between their building's cladding systems and the tested systems.

Thank you for your commitment to this work and we hope you will continue to make further test results available on BRE's website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'N. O'Connor'.

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