

### **Section 15: Wood to Earth Contact (EC):**

Involves wood that is part of the structure or that is attached to or securely abuts the structure and is in contact with the ground. Examples could be but are not limited to:

- Wood Fences
- Concrete form boards
- Porch structures
- Trellises
- Plantings or planters
- Trees or branches abutting structure

### **Section 16: Excessive Cellulose Debris (CD):**

Debris can be raked up into at least 1 cubic ft, or stumps and/or wood imbedded in the footing of the structure and are in contact with the earth or firewood or lumber piled within 6 inches of the structure.

Examples could be but are not limited to:

- Dead branches or bark
- Roots growing into the foundation (dead plants)
- Boxes
- Pallets
- Wood entry door to a crawlspace

### **Section 17: Faulty Grades (FG):**

Faulty grades exist if the exterior grade is above or at the interior slab or wood floor level. All faulty grades are based upon exterior grade. Examples could be but are not limited to:

- Slope surface water drains toward or stands next to the foundation
- Interior floor level at or below exterior grade such as basements, sunken rooms, sunken tubs, interior fire-pits
- Wood or stucco siding at or below exterior grade
- Joist in crawl less than 18 inches (<18") or crawl support beam less than 12 inches (<12") above ground
- Raised planters above exterior grade and against house (a clear gap between planters and house allowable to avoid faulty grade)

### **Section 18: Excessive Moisture (EM):**

Excessive moisture exists if there is moisture or evidence of moisture around a structure and/or the ventilation is fewer than two (2) areas to prevent cross ventilation and prevent excessive moisture. **This would include moisture sources, which are currently not moist.** Examples could be but are not limited to:

- Efflorescence (salt deposits from water movement through block or concrete foundations)
- Moss growing on or next to house
- Evidence of excessive moisture from HVAC drains (Heating Ventilation Air Conditioners)
- Water stains
  - Dark stains or discolorations
  - Attics, eaves, rain gutters draining onto siding
  - On surfaces of interior walls, ceilings, plumbing traps
  - Crawl spaces
- Inadequate ventilation
  - Attics-
  - Crawls-
  - Bathrooms-