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Phil Partin and Nancy See
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Dear Phil and Nancy:

This letter is in response to your request concerning two questions about your home in Lakefall.

The first item is a question about the stucco accents on the home's exterior:

As you recall, these are all real cement mortar over either cement tilebacker or metal lath, depending on location. Both are generally accepted standard practice for traditional masonry stucco. As you are aware, there is no EIFS anywhere on the house. Recently I had a chance to revisit the home and can report that the stucco is still in excellent condition.

The second item is a question regarding the attic ventilation:

The original plan documents, including attic ventilation calculations, were prepared and submitted for 'plans review' to Wake County Inspections for permitting and were approved as submitted. Said plans included calculations showing that with a traditional soffit vent/ridge vent system, the design easily exceeded minimum requirements required by code by a factor of more than 2:1. Your specification for vinyl siding and soffits caused us to change the soffit to a Wolverine brand soffit incorporating 'Invisible' vent perforation slits within the fold trough. This particular vented soffit was still in compliance with the calculations per code. We also incorporated a gable vent and extensive ridge venting, which is generally accepted as the single most effective 'exhaust-side' attic venting method available. Finally, the adequacy of this installation was verified by the fact that the construction was inspected and approved by Wake County Inspections throughout the construction process and certified for occupancy upon completion.

Lastly, I feel compelled to compliment you both for the excellent way in which you have maintained the home. It is still in 'like-new' condition and still calls up a certain pride in what we built together.

Sincerely,

Samuel Fouse