

MANUFACTURERS' GUIDE TO MANAGING RISKS



As a Manufacturer, You Want To:

- Ensure proprietary products meet or exceed engineering and code compliance requirements
- Establish coordination among manufacturers, third-party inspectors, and DrJ
- Reduce risk of construction defect litigation
- Minimize conflicts of interest by proactively maintaining independence

Protection by Separation

IBC Section 1703 states, "An approved inspection agency shall be objective, competent and independent from the contractor responsible for the work being inspected. The agency shall also disclose to the building official and the registered design professional in responsible charge possible conflicts of interest so that objectivity can be confirmed." A professional engineer's license requires this as well.

To maintain the independence these standards require, DrJ has identified four separate and distinct scopes of work. This process guards against conflict of interest and ensures that "Alternative Materials, Designs, and Methods of Construction and Equipment" continuously meet or exceed engineering and building code requirements.



17065 CERTIFICATION (by DrJ)

DrJ's ANAB 17065 product certification and professional engineering technical evaluation services are available with the added assurance of signed and sealed technical evaluation reports (TERs) as needed. DrJ is dedicated to remaining professionally independent.



17020 INSPECTION (by Third Party)

Third-party quality assurance agency work confirms that the manufacturing process follows the customer's quality control procedures, affirming the product is consistent with DrJ's ANAB 17065 evaluation.



IN-PLANT QC (by Manufacturer)

Customer in-plant quality control procedures ensure quality and consistency in each product delivered to the market.



17025 VERIFICATION TESTING (by DrJ)

DrJ requires independent verification testing and/or analysis of certified proprietary products and services to further validate the customer's quality control procedures and the associated third-party quality assurance work.





