



BUILDING SCIENCE & FACILITY INSPECTION / TESTING

REAL ESTATE DUE DILIGENCE HEALTH AND SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY



Elementary School Air Barrier

SERVICES

- ◆ Roofing & Exterior Wall Consulting
- ◆ Building Enclosure Testing and Analysis
- ◆ Building Enclosure Commissioning (BECx)
- ◆ Large Building Air Barrier Performance Testing / Certification
- ◆ Fenestration, Curtain Wall and Facade Performance Testing (Air and Water)
- ◆ Peer Review and Design Service
- ◆ Quality Assurance Construction Observation and Reporting
- ◆ Non-Destructive Evaluation and Analysis (Infrared Thermography)
- ◆ Forensic Evaluations
- ◆ Project Management/Contract Administration

Service Overview

Nova has experienced professionals that provide Building Science consulting for existing facilities and new construction projects. For existing facilities, we can provide visual assessments, field testing, moisture surveys, design service and project oversight. On new construction projects, Nova contributes trained staff to monitor installation, complete performance testing and assist with project close-out. Nova can also offer peer review services. Our goal is to work with project team members, not only to identify potential issues or deficiencies but to provide solutions. By doing so, we strive to develop economical solutions and add value to each project. Our services give owners and contractors the confidence that the air barrier systems will readily achieve performance test and installation requirements. Nova's comprehensive approach helps to avoid extensive air-leakage investigations and costly repairs.

Experience

Nova's experienced consultants provide clients with the design consultation and testing and installation oversight needed to ensure air barriers, fenestration, curtain walls and facades are installed and perform as intended. Requirements for performance testing vary, and Nova can develop testing protocols to meet specific project and budget mandates. We also have experience troubleshooting existing systems and providing corrective solutions.



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Mr. Jackson has over 25 years of experience in construction, engineering and project management. Utilizing dual undergraduate degrees in mechanical engineering and economics his diverse background includes construction, design, oversight, contract administration, due diligence, building envelope commissioning, and expert witness/construction defect work in mechanical, plumbing and fire protection systems, building envelope and energy efficiency. Mr. Jackson is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Oregon and based in the Portland area of the Pacific Northwest.

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CASE STUDY

Summary:

Nova recently provided on-site air barrier installation quality assurance observation and testing services for a new elementary school in Tonganoxie, Kansas. The two-story, approximately 120,000-square-foot structure had a fluid-applied air barrier assembly applied to sheathing prior to installation of the exterior brick veneer and composite metal panel.

Highlights:

Nova completed multiple site visits during construction to document the installation of the air barrier system, window flashing and exterior sheathing. Adhesion and thickness tests were completed by certified personnel. Nova reviewed the plans and specification prior to the start of work and recommended revisions to ensure the air barrier was continuous and would perform as intended. By working closely with the project architect, the general contractor and the air barrier sub-contractor, Nova helped ensure that a quality air barrier system free of defects was installed.

