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Darren F. Miller  
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Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your recent letter to the Department of Community Affairs regarding the "anticipated snow level" for parts of NJ.

Specifically, your question is:

"Many homes have the newer direct venting furnaces and water heaters. Most manufacturers' installation instructions state the vent termination to be at least 12 inches above grade (or roof) or 12 inches above the 'anticipated snow level'. What is the anticipated snow level is in NJ?"

Based on information the Department has received from Rutgers University, the average anticipated snow level in New Jersey is 6 inches. Therefore, the vent outlet should be located a minimum of 18 inches above grade.

Should you have any further questions, you may contact me at 609-984-7609.

Very truly yours,

John N. Terry  
Supervisor  
Code Assistance Unit

cc: Cynthia A. Wilk  
Director