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Termite infestation in buildings has become an unfortunate occurrence in certain parts of the country. Many pest control companies started to realize that termites could infest a building without leaving telltale evidence such as mud tubes outside the building if siding materials continue below grade.

Several significant factors have also contributed to the termite issue. For instance, the restriction of certain pesticides by the EPA along with the general design of the foundation at grade.

In the southeast, the use of perimeter slab insulation, commonly known as below grade insulation, became a standard practice with all wall claddings. In fact, this practice was required by code and promoted by energy companies. Unfortunately, the insulation may create a pathway for termites to enter buildings and prevents control with conventional treatments currently available.

In 1996, the Energy Codes and Community Affairs Departments mandated to discontinue the use of perimeter slab insulation due to this problem. However, little was done for all the homes where the insulation runs below grade. Many pest companies will not renew warranties on buildings where the insulation may hide a potential infestation.

The entire situation is actually one where no party is at fault; but all parties must act to remedy the situation. Several methods of the remedial repair are possible. The two attached drawings are good, practical solutions. As always, we are available to review any specific details for your project.

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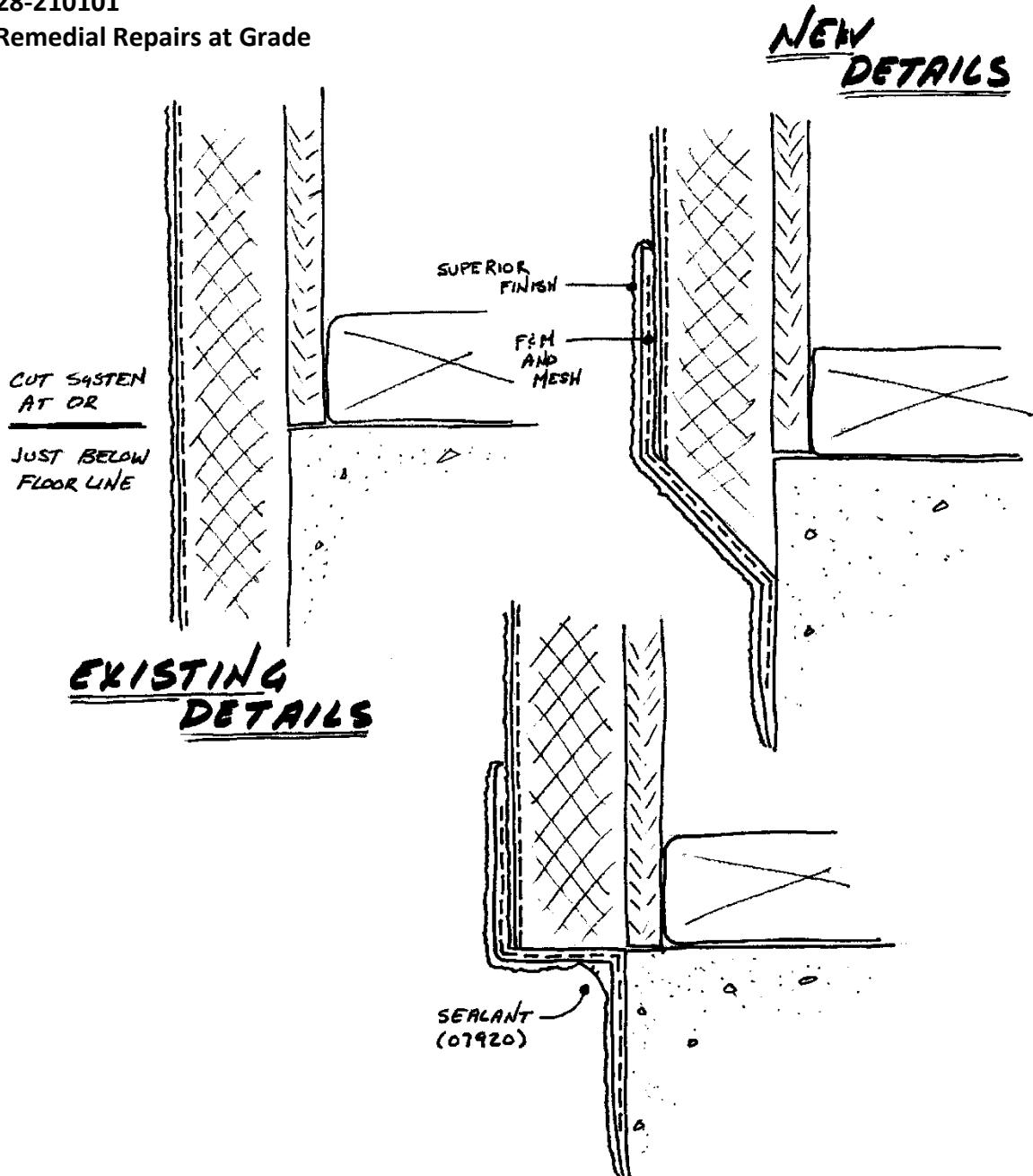
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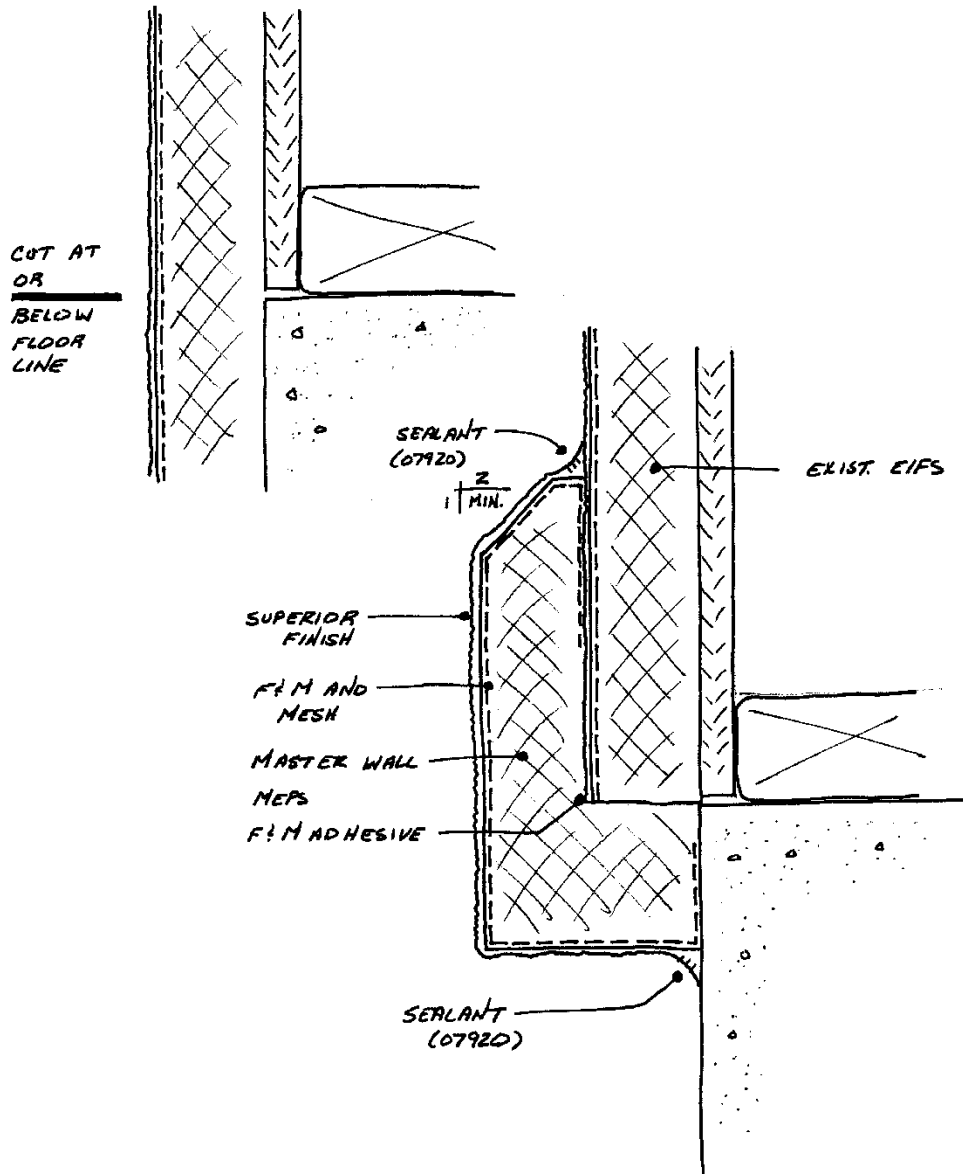
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