



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of the Secretary

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Trey Eyre
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Re: Approval for the use of Brita Hydration Station-Model 2000

Dear Mr. Eyre:

Receipt is acknowledged of your email dated December 1st, 2011 addressed to the attention of Jake Causey relative to requesting approval of the above referenced plumbing product for use in the State of Louisiana. Essentially your email requests that the Brita Hydration Station be considered under Section 102.7 of the LA State Plumbing Code, 2000 edition (LSPC) as an approved alternative to traditional drinking fountains. This Section allows the use of any material or method of construction not specifically prescribed under the LSPC provided that any such alternate has been approved by the Plumbing Official. Section 202 of the LSPC defines the Plumbing Official as: i) the State Health Officer (= co-State Plumbing Official), and ii) any local Plumbing Department (= co-Local Plumbing Official) established and authorized by a political subdivision of the state.

It has been brought to my attention that the Brita Hydration Station-2000 Model is a permanent plumbing fixture which is connected to the potable water distribution piping within the building. However, this product differs from traditional drinking fountains in that the users of the device have to rely on cups or bottles to receive water from the unit whereas drinking fountains utilize a bubbler to supply the water directly to the user. Based on the research of my staff it is my understanding that these types of units are commonly referred to as water coolers.

A careful review by this office revealed that this product is listed to be in conformance with NSF 61-Section 9 (Drinking Water System Components Health Effects-Mechanical Plumbing Devices) and ARI 1010 (Self Contained, Mechanically Refrigerated Drinking Water Coolers) as required by LSPC Sections 303.6 and 409.2.1 respectively. It is also my understanding that the integrated point of use carbon block filter has been certified by CSA International to be in conformance with both NSF 42 (Drinking Water Treatment Units-Aesthetic Effects) and NSF 53 (Drinking Water Treatment Units-Health Effects) as required by LSPC 615.1.

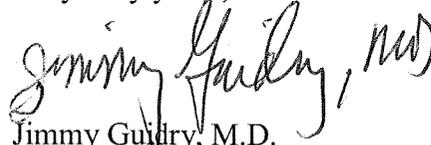
After our discussions and review of the literature, listing certifications and product specification sheets provided, please be advised that this office offers no objection to the use of the Brita Hydration Station-Model 2000 with the following stipulations:

1. Water coolers shall be permitted to be substituted for not more than 50 percent of the required number of drinking fountains.
2. The installation shall be performed in strict accordance with the requirements of the LSPC, the manufacturer's installation instructions, and the stipulations contained in this document. In instances where there are conflicts between the requirements, the more stringent provisions shall prevail.

Please be advised that this action does not abrogate your responsibility to obtain similar approval from those local jurisdictions having its own local Plumbing Department (= co-Local Plumbing Official) since the local jurisdiction's requirements may be stricter than the requirements of the LSPC.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff at (225) 342-7491.

Very truly yours,


Jimmy Guidry, M.D.
State Health Officer

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