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Re: Precision Plumbing Products, Inc. (PPP) Model #AG-500 Fixed Air Gap Fitting for PPP Models #PR-500, #P1-500, #P2-500, or #PO-500 Pressure Actuated Trap Primers meeting ASSE Standard 1018

Dear Mr. Scholl:

Receipt is acknowledged of your June 16, 2006 correspondence addressed to Mr. Sidney G. Becnel concerning the above referenced subject matter. Section 102.7 (Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction) of the Louisiana State Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition (LSPC), 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.

Your letter makes reference to a meeting held on June 14, 2006 with staff of the Office of Public Health's (OPH) Engineering Services Section. Mr. Sidney Becnel, R.S. and Mr. Jake Causey, P.E. represented the OPH. Mr. Buddy Francioni and yourself represented the ESP Agency, Inc. During the meeting, samples were shown of some of the Precision Plumbing Products, Inc.'s pressure actuated trap primers along with the Model #AG-500 Fixed Air Gap Fitting.

Please be advised that this office has no objection to the use PPP's Model #AG-500 Fixed Air Gap Fitting when used immediately downstream of PPP's Model #PR-500, #P1-500, #P2-500, or #PO-500 Pressure Actuated Trap Primers meeting ASSE Standard 1018. This arrangement will ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 409.4.1.1 of the LSPC and, in fact, is a preferable arrangement to the installation of a reduced pressure principle backflow preventor upstream of the pressure actuated trap primers. The reason that this arrangement is

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preferable is because a backflow preventor is a mechanical device having movable parts and it will require periodic maintenance. In addition, the installation of a reduced pressure principle backflow preventor will require additional plumbing to handle the discharge from the atmospheric discharge port of the device.

This no objection is given with the understanding that any installation will be installed in accord with the requirements of Section 614.4 of the LSPC and tested to ensure that any splashing beyond the confines of the fixed air gap fitting itself is minimized.

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) 765-5063.

Very truly yours,

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