



STATE FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

PLUMBING MECHANICAL AND FUEL GAS CODE TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the July 26, 2012 teleconference meeting of the technical subcommittee reviewing the **2009 & 2012 International Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel gas Codes** for adoption by New York State.

PRESENT: John Addario
 Peter Campito
 Ed Angelone
 Douglas Page
 Jeff Econom
 Bob Cordell

Meeting Minutes:

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM with 5 of 7 members present. Members listed were present by teleconference. A quorum was present.
- 2) John Addario reviewed the open items from the last meeting. Open items include: PVC flue piping soiled utility Room vs. NFPA 101 (definition), Pool Heater Temperature Relief Valve, and Grease Interceptors.
- 3) The committee discussed the testing of PVC with air and voted to accept the 2012 code requirements that prohibit the use of air for testing PVC piping.
- 4) The committee discussed the requirements for an Alternative Engineered System. The committee unanimously agreed to include Section 316 titled "Alternative Engineered Design" (formally in Chapter 1 of 2009 IPC). John Addario indicated that he may need to verify with DOS council's office that the section does not conflict with Section 103 Alternate Materials and Methods.
- 5) The requirement for quick closing valves was discussed and it was indicated that the requirement for water hammer arrestors was not included in Section 406.1 Automatic Clothes Washers. The committee unanimously agreed to include reference to 604.9 titled "Water

Hammer” in that section for clarification. It was agreed that similar requirements would be included in the Residential requirements.

- 6) Waterless trap primers were discussed and it was unanimous that such a device could be acceptable when approved under Section 103 titled “Alternative Materials, Methods and Equipment.”
- 7) A discussion on the requirements for drinking fountains and to include the current NYS exception that the CEO may approve bottled water or sink faucet in lieu of a drinking fountain. The committee voted to include the exception under footnote “e” in Table 403.1.
- 8) The committee discussed the reference to the Department of Health requirements for Public water supply protection. The committee unanimously agreed that a reference to DOH should appear in section 608.14 titled “Location of Backflow Preventers”.
- 9) The committee discussed the revisions to section 802.3 and the added locations that prohibit their installation. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend the addition locations in the 2012 IPC.
- 10) It was noted that this meeting completed the review of the IPC 2009 and IPC 2012, other than any open items. The next meeting the committee will begin review of the International Mechanical Code.
- 11) The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00pm.
- 12) The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 10, 2012 at 1:30PM.