

## **PLUMBING BOARD: NOTICE OF FINAL INTERPRETATION**

On March 14, 2011, the Minnesota Plumbing Board issued a Final Interpretation, which is printed below, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§ 326B.435, subdivision 2(a)(4), and 326B.127, subdivision 5. Any person aggrieved by this Final Interpretation may appeal it within 30 days of its issuance by the Plumbing Board, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the Minnesota Statutes. Any person wishing to appeal this Final Interpretation must mail, fax, or deliver a written letter of appeal to:

Plumbing Board, Attention: Patricia Munkel-Olson  
Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry  
443 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
FAX: (651) 284-5749

Any mailed letter of appeal must be postmarked no later than April 13, 2011. Any faxed or delivered letter of appeal must be received by the Plumbing Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 13, 2011.

Questions may be directed to Sandy Arndt, phone: (651) 284-5115, *email*: sandy.arndt@state.mn.us. TTY users may call (651) 297-4198. No telephone or email appeals will be accepted.

### **FINAL INTERPRETATION**

**Inquiry:** PB0063  
**Subject:** 35-foot limitation on horizontal plastic piping  
**Code Reference:** Minnesota Plumbing Code, Minnesota Rules Part 4715.0580, item F (2009)  
**Submitted by:** Richard J. Klein  
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**Approved by:** Code Interpretation Committee  
by Jim Gander, Committee Chair  
**Date Received:** December 27, 2010  
**Issue Date:** March 14, 2011

**Question:** Is the guideline currently being used by the Plumbing unit at the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) an appropriate outline for the 35' rule in the Minnesota Plumbing Code (the "Code")?

**Answer:** Yes, the informative guideline (a drawing) prepared by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) in January 1999 and named Plastic Pipe Installation – 35 foot limitation (ENG16) and

currently used by DLI for illustrative purposes, represents our interpretation of Minn. R. Part 4715.0580, item F.

**Commentary:**

The submitter agreed that this Final Interpretation could be issued more than 30 days after his request was received. All parties were heard and had fair opportunity to present facts, thoughts, opinions, and challenges pertaining to the question of how the 35-foot limitation on horizontal plastic piping in Minn. R. Part 4715.0580, item F, is interpreted.

The Committee decided to uphold the interpretation of DLI staff, as set forth by the informative guideline prepared by MDH, with a strong recommendation that the Board consider amending the Code as soon as possible to provide clarity to horizontal plastic piping and the definition of drain.

As required by Minnesota Statutes § 326B.127, subd. 5, the Plumbing Board will consider this Final Interpretation for adoption as part of the Code.



Date: March 14, 2011

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Jim Gander, Committee Chair  
Code Interpretation Committee