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Ms. Gaby Davis
Secretary of the Standards Council
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Dear Gaby:

RE: Appeal of Items 3, 157, 195, and 239

I would like to reserve my right to appeal Items 3, 157, 195, and 239 on behalf of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers. I am awaiting the results of the Plumbing Technical Committee's vote on these items.

Appellant: Julius Ballanco, P.E., CPD

On Behalf of: American Society of Plumbing Engineers

Item Appealed: ROC Item 3, 157, 195, and 239, Uniform Plumbing Code

Committee

Recommendation: The Committee's recommendation on Item 3 was accept as amended. The Committee's recommendation on Items 157, 195, and 239 was accept as submitted.

Relief Sought: Acceptance of, in accordance with the Committee's recommendation

While it is recognized that the membership voted at the Annual Conference in Atlanta to reject these items, there was no valid technical substantiation provided. The rejection was based on various voting members simply not liking the new technology.

The Plumbing Technical Committee spent a considerable amount of time on all of these issues. The TC has the opportunity to evaluate all issues regarding this matter. What must first be recognized is that siphonic roof drainage and air admittance valves are already permitted by the Uniform Plumbing Code under the alternative engineered design section. Unfortunately, there are no guidelines provided in the code.



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Even those testifying in opposition to the code changes acknowledged that the Uniform Plumbing Code allows both technologies under the alternative engineered design section. They just didn't like the idea of mentioning siphonic roof drainage or air admittance valves within the code.

This is not a valid technical reason for voting against a code change. As such, the Standards Council must approve the changes in accordance with the Committee's recommendations.

I reserve my right to supplement this appeal based on the vote of the Plumbing Technical Committee.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Cordially yours,



Julius Ballanco, P.E., CPD
President

