

December 8, 2009

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Re: Formal Interpretation letter ballot results FI004
Final Closing Date: December 4, 2009
2009 Uniform Plumbing Code

Dear Mr. McHugh:

I am transmitting to you herewith the following final ballot results.

The proposed Formal Interpretation asks the following question(s):

Question 1: In accordance with Section 313.7 which states, “Piping penetrations of fire-resistance-rated walls, partitions, floors, floor/ceiling assemblies, roof/ceiling assemblies, or shaft enclosures shall be protected in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code, applicable standards referenced in Table 14-1 and Chapter 15, “Firestop Protection” would this section require the use of firestop installers with a minimum of 4 years of documented practical experience in the installation of piping systems?

Answer: NO

Question 2. Does the use of “shall” in Section 313.7 create a mandatory requirement in the 2009 UPC for ASME A112.20.2 as referenced in Table 14-1?

Answer: NO

The proposed Formal Interpretations were balloted through the Plumbing Technical Committee in accordance with Section 6 Formal Interpretations and achieved the necessary three-fourths majority agreement for both questions in accordance with Section 6-3.4.

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In accordance with Section 6-4.2 of the Regulations Governing Committee Projects, this formal interpretation shall apply to the 2009 edition of the *Uniform Plumbing Code*. Please note that the effective date of the formal interpretation will be 20 days from the date of this letter, unless an appeal is filed with the IAPMO Standards Council in accordance with Section 1-6 of the Regulations Governing Committee Projects.

Sincerely,



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