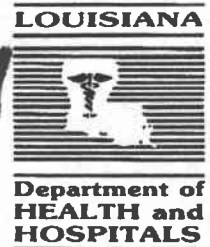




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SECRETARY

March 7, 2006

Peter S. Sharkey
Vice President, Sales
NVent, LLC
2834 Mitchell Avenue
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103

Re: Approval for Use of the
PermaLynx Non-Removable Push Fit Fittings
for type K and L seamless copper water
tubes (ASTM B 88) used for Potable Water in
the State of Louisiana

Dear Mr. Sharkey:

This letter rescinds and replaces our letter dated February 14, 2006.

Receipt is acknowledged of your January 26, 2006 letter sent via facsimile requesting approval of NVent's PermaLynx permanent push-to-connect system for seamless copper water tubing (ASTM B 88) from 1/2" to 2" in diameter. This facsimile is in addition to other information and samples of your product provided by Mr. Jason Alberado who is employed by Victaulic Company of America. Mr. Alberado is domiciled in Metairie, Louisiana. Per Mr. Alberado and literature provided, NVent is a Nibco®-Victaulic® enterprise. Mr. Alberado stated that Nibco produces valves wherein the PermaLynx fittings have been soldered to their valves.

After review of the various national and international testing reports and certifications on NVent, LLC's PermaLynx Non-Removable Push Fit Fittings, it has been determined that this system is approved for use in the State of Louisiana as per Section 102.7 (Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction) of the "Louisiana State Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition" (LSPC). This approval is given for the joining of seamless copper water tubing (hard-drawn) meeting ASTM B 88 from 1/2" to 2" in diameter to be used for potable water purposes only. Please note that type M copper water tube is not approved in Louisiana since the LSPC calls for use of minimum type L copper water tube for potable water purposes; therefore, this system is not approved for type M copper water tube. In addition, this system is not approved for any copper water tubing joints below a building slab as per the requirements of Section 611.3 of the LSPC.

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While this approval eliminates the need to request a variance from this office on each job where the use of the PermaLynx system is desired, it does not, of course, eliminate the requirements for submittal of plans and specifications for any required approvals. Further, be advised that this approval does not eliminate any requirements for acceptance by jurisdictions having their own local plumbing board or plumbing ordinance since such local jurisdictions are allowed to be stricter than the LSPC.

Please be further advised that this approval of your product does not authorize you to use this letter in any form of advertisement.

By copy of this letter, we will attempt to notify many of the local plumbing officials.

Should you have any questions or problems, please feel free to call on us at (225) 765-5063.

Sincerely,



R. Douglas Vincent, P.E.
Chief Engineer

RDV/SGB/sgb

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