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David W. Hood
SECRETARY

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Attn: Michael Gillespie
Viega Plumbing and Heating Systems
17545 Daleview Drive
Lakewood, OH 4107

Re: Approval for Use of the
ProPress Fitting System
In the State of Louisiana

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

After review of the specifications and certifications on the Viega/Ridgid ProPress copper press fitting system, it has been determined that this system may be utilized as an "alternate design plumbing system" in the State of Louisiana under section 102.7, Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction, of the Louisiana State Plumbing Code, as revised October 20, 2000.

While this approval as an "alternate design plumbing system" eliminates the need to request a variance on each job where the use of ProPress is desired, it does not, of course, eliminate the requirements for submittal of plans and specifications for required approvals, or acceptance by local plumbing boards.

By copy of this letter we are notifying Mr. Jay Arnold of the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board of our decision in this matter.

Should you have any questions or problems, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

R. Douglas Vincent, P.E.
Chief Engineer

cc: Bobby Savoie
Sidney Becnel
District/Regional Engineers
James Arnold, New Orleans S&WB
Steve Fontenot, Ridgid Tool District Manager