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May 18, 2007

Mr. John Watson
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Re: Approval for the use of the
Q-Tite & Tectite Copper Fittings for type K and
L hard drawn and annealed seamless copper
water tubes (ASTM B88), CPVC water tube
(ASTM D2846/2846M-99), and PEX water tube
(ASTM F876, F877) using the tube liner as
designed by EPC.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter dated September 21, 2006 by Mr. Chuck Barbot addressed to the attention of Mr. Sidney G. Becnel, R.S., relative to requesting approval of your Q-Tite plumbing product for use in the State of Louisiana. This letter was received on September 27, 2006. After careful review by this office Mr. Becnel subsequently sent an email October 13, 2006 requesting additional data on your product. Receipt is acknowledged of your reply letter apparently misdated September 21, 2006 including the additional data which was received by this office on October 23, 2006. Product samples were subsequently received October 30, 2006. Receipt is also acknowledged of your request received April 23, 2007 requesting additional approval of your Tectite plumbing product for use in the State of Louisiana.

Essentially, your letters together request that the Q-Tite & Tectite Copper Fittings be approved under Section 102.7 "Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction" of the Louisiana State Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition (LSPC). This Section allows the use of any material or method of construction not specifically prescribed under the LSPC provided that any such alternate has been approved by the Plumbing Official. Section 202 of the LSPC defines the Plumbing Official as: i.) the State Health Officer (= co-State Plumbing Official), and ii.) any local Plumbing Department (= co-Local Plumbing Official) established and authorized by a political subdivision of the state. After our discussions and review of the literature, etc., provided, please be advised that this office offers no objection to the use of the Q-Tite & Tectite Copper Fittings for type K and L hard drawn and annealed seamless copper water tubes (ASTM B88), CPVC water tube (ASTM D2846/2846M-99), and PEX water tube (ASTM F876, F877) using the tube liner as designed by EPC in Louisiana.

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This no objection is given with the understanding that the product shall be accompanied by the manufacturer's assembly and disassembly instructions. Per Section 303.5 of the LSPC, the manufacturer's published procedures or recommendations shall be followed upon installation.

Please be advised that this action does not abrogate your responsibility to obtain similar approval from those local jurisdictions having its own local Plumbing Department (= co-Local Plumbing Official) since the local jurisdiction's requirements may be stricter than the requirements of the LSPC.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff at (225) 342-7273.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Guidry, M.D.

State Health Officer

JG/JKC/sgb/jkc

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