



**State of Louisiana**  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of the Secretary

December 30, 2009

Mr. Kenneth Folse  
District Manager, Louisiana  
Viega, LLC.  
301 North Main, Floor 9  
Wichita, KS 67202

Re: Use of Viega Fostapex® piping sizes 1/2", 3/4", and 1"  
for Water Service Pipe and Water Distribution Pipe  
for Plumbing Installations

Dear Mr. Folse:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request letter dated November 3, 2009 and submittal package delivered via email to Mr. Jake Causey, P.E., relative to requesting approval of the above referenced plumbing product for use in the State of Louisiana.

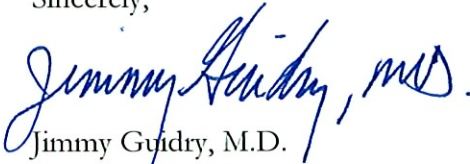
Your inquiry essentially requested that Viega Fostapex® piping sizes 1/2", 3/4", and 1" be approved under Section 102.7 "Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction" of the Louisiana State Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition (LSPC). This Section allows the use of any material or method of construction not 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 Viega Fostapex® piping sizes 1/2", 3/4", and 1" in Louisiana for potable water service and potable water distribution purposes within plumbing installations as long as the following stipulations are met:

- 1.) Pursuant to Section 303.5 of the LSPC, in the absence of installation procedures contained in a standard under which the materials are accepted and approved, it is required that the manufacturer's published procedures or recommendations shall be followed. Installation procedures and recommendations from the manufacturer are contained in the *Viega PureFlow Water System Installation Manual, March 2007*. Such installation procedures and recommendations shall be followed.
- 2.) All joints shall be made using the standard Viega Pureflow Pex Press Fitting system.

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

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cc: Karen Irion, Chief Engineer, OPH  
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Local Plumbing Inspectors in LA (from S. Becnel's Excel list)