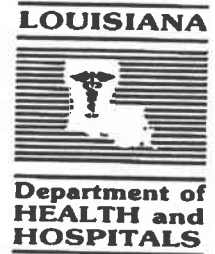




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SECRETARY

September 24, 2007

R. Scott Simms
National Sales Manager
Watco Manufacturing Company
1220 South Powell Road
Independence, Missouri 64057-2724

Re: WatcoFlex and Flex900 Innovator Models Flex916
& Flex924 Bath Waste and Overflow Assemblies

Dear Mr. Simms:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 23, 2006 addressed to the attention of Mr. Sidney G. Becnel, R.S., relative to requesting approval of the above referenced plumbing product for use in the State of Louisiana. It is also acknowledged that a meeting with Mr. Becnel and Mr. Jake Causey, P.E. was held with you and Mr. Gerard Verrett of Woolf Harris, Inc. on June 15, 2006. After careful review by this office Mr. Becnel subsequently issued a letter dated July 14, 2006 expressing our concerns regarding your product. Receipt is acknowledged of your reply letter dated July 24, 2006 addressing our concerns which was received by this office on August 8, 2006.

Essentially, your letter requests that the WatcoFlex and Flex900 Innovator Models Flex916 & Flex924 bath waste and overflow assemblies 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 WatcoFlex and Flex900 Innovator Models Flex 916 & Flex924 bath waste and overflow assemblies in Louisiana.

This no objection is given with the understanding that the product shall be accompanied by instructions which shall include to cut the flex pipe square and to allow the solvent cement to completely cure prior to installation in a flexed position.

February 9, 2007

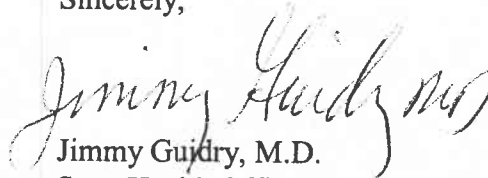
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Please be advised that this action does not abrogate your responsibility to obtain similar approval from those local jurisdictions having its own local Plumbing Department (= co-Local Plumbing Official) since the local jurisdiction's requirements may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

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff at (225) 342-7504.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Gujdry, M.D.
State Health Officer

JG/JKC/SGB/jkc

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Code Council, c/o Office of Management and Finance, Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Local Plumbing Inspectors in LA (from S. Becnel's MSAccess list)