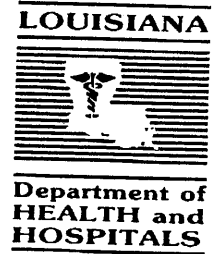




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SECRETARY

January 3, 2008

Mr. Mike Billingsley
Billingsley & Associates, Inc.
2728 Crestview Avenue
Kenner, Louisiana 70062

Re: Approval for the use of the Watts Series 35 & Series 45 Quick Connect Fittings on 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 Watts.

Dear Mr. Billingsley:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 7, 2007 addressed to the attention of Mr. Jake Causey, P.E., relative to requesting approval of your Watts Quick Connect plumbing product for use in the State of Louisiana. This letter was received on September 11, 2007. After careful review by this office Mr. Causey subsequently requested additional product data and product standard certification listing. Receipt is acknowledged of your reply email on October 25, 2007 including the additional data.

Essentially, your email request that the Watts Series 35 & Series 45 Quick Connect 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 Watts Series 35 & Series 45 Quick Connect 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 Cash Acme in Louisiana.

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.

January 3, 2008

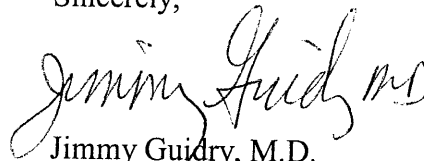
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Please be advised that this action does not abrogate your responsibility to obtain similar approval from those local jurisdictions having its own local Plumbing Department (= co-Local Plumbing Official) since the local jurisdiction's requirements may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

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

Sincerely,



Jimmy Guidry, M.D.
State Health Officer

JKC/jkc

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Local Plumbing Inspectors in LA (from S. Becnel's MSAccess list)