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OPERATIONS
POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE NO. 23/91

TO: Distribution
FROM: Barry G. Cox
DATE: December 30, 1991
REGARDING: Local Law 29/89 - LowFlow Fixtures

PURPOSE: To implement Local Law 29/89 which amended the administrative code in relation to standards for water saving devices. Local Law 29/89 requires that water closets and associated flush valves, installed after January 1, 1992, must be on the approved list of water saving devices compiled by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. This Local Law, enacted in 1989, allowed the industry almost 2½ years to prepare for the law's implementation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1992.

SPECIFICS: All water closets and associated flush valves installed in conjunction with a New Building, Alteration or PRA/OBE application must meet certain water saving performance standards as well as proper labeling as set forth in Local Law 29/89.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Technical Affairs

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Technical Affairs shall publish annually the listing of fixtures which meet the standards set forth in Local Law 29/89. This listing shall be forwarded to the Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Borough Operations to disseminate to the Borough Offices.

Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Borough Operations

This office shall annually disseminate the listing of acceptable fixtures to the Borough Offices.

Borough Offices/Plumbing Division

The Plumbing Division shall make certain that each inspector is given a copy of the listing

of acceptable fixtures in accordance with LL29/89. The listing is sorted by manufacturer and may be a supplement to previous lists which would require the inspector to verify the fixture on more than one list.

. No inspector shall "sign off" a job where the job entails the installation (new or replacement) of water closets and associated flush valves unless the fixture(s) is on the approved list.

. The following information should be clearly marked on the fixture(s) to aid the inspector in identifying it:

- manufacturer's name or registered trademark and the model number of the fixture
- gallon/liter water consumption rate per flush
- on water closets: a clear marking or designation for the "water line" located within the tank and shall be set at the level of gallons/liters per flush required.

. The inspector shall note on the objection sheet that the job was not signed off because the fixture(s) was not on the listing of acceptable "lowflow" fixtures.

Exception:

An exception occurs when the inspection of the job was requested prior to January 1, 1992, but is not performed until after January 1, 1992.

Applicants who have installed a fixture(s) prior to January 1, 1992, which were not on the approved list but did not request an inspection must contact the Borough Commissioner. If the Borough Commissioner is convinced by documentary evidence - which may include a signed and sealed statement from the licensed plumber that the installation occurred prior to January 1, 1992 - the Borough Commissioner may allow the job to be signed off.

These requests must be made prior to February 1, 1992. This exception shall remain in effect until that date only.