

**Plumbing Code Review Committee  
2008 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code  
Regular Committee Meeting Minutes  
- FINAL -**

**October 24, 2007**

**Members present:** Ken Carlson  
Melissa Gitt  
Jonathan Gray  
Rich Miller  
Ron Murray  
John Watts

*(teleconferencing)*

**Members absent:** John Dodson  
Joe McNelly  
Dave Rice

**Staff present:** Twyla Knowles, assistant manager of policy & technical services  
Terry Swisher, chief plumbing inspector  
Richard Blackwell, policy analyst  
Aeron Teverbaugh, policy analyst  
Heidi Shamberger, structural para-technical specialist

**Guests present:** Brett Cook, City of Boardman

**I. Review the 2006 ANSI A11 2.19.19 standard for nonwater urinals and the proposed 2009 UPC, section 402.3.1 code language for adoption in Oregon.**

Chairman Ken Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:15 am and explained that the Oregon State Plumbing Board met on October 12, 2007 to review the Plumbing Code Review Committee recommendations for the 2008 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code (OPSC). Daniel Gleiberman, Vice President Government Affairs, Falcon Waterfree Technologies, requested that the board approve the 2006 ANSI A11 2.19.19 product standard for nonwater urinals. The board approved the standard. Due to the approval, the Plumbing Code Review Committee was asked to review the proposed [2009 UPC, section 402.3.1 code language](#), which addresses the installation of the nonwater urinal , for consideration in the 2008 OPSC.

Terry Swisher suggested that the portion of the language regarding maintenance be eliminated. The division does not have the authority to regulate the maintenance of nonwater urinals.

Brett Cook, City of Boardman suggested the committee adopt the proposed language. He also suggested that research be conducted regarding parks that removed nonwater urinals and replaced them with water-activated urinals.

The committee continued to discuss the problems with maintenance of nonwater urinals. Mr. Carlson requested language be included in this code section that specifically requires the owners of the nonwater urinals to maintain the fixture according to the manufacturer's instructions. Ron Murray suggested the health division be invited to provide input on nonwater urinals. John Watts and Rich Miller concurred that the language regarding maintenance needs to be left intact. Mr. Carlson suggested the maintenance language be left in. He also suggested there be an amendment to the language as follows:

**“402.3.1 Nonwater Urinals. Where nonwater urinals are installed they shall be listed and comply with the applicable standards referenced in Table 14-1. Nonwater urinals shall have a barrier liquid sealant to maintain a trap seal. Nonwater urinals shall permit the uninhibited flow of waste through the urinal to the sanitary drainage system. Nonwater urinals shall be cleaned and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions after installation. Where nonwater urinals are installed they shall have a water distribution line roughed-in to the urinal location to allow a subsequent replacement of the nonwater supplied urinal with a water supplied urinal if desired by the owner or if required by the enforcement agency.”**

Brett Cook, City of Boardman expressed concern regarding what the rough-in would be for the water. Not all urinals rough-in at the same dimensions.

Motion by John Watts to approve the code language as written above.  
*Motion passed unanimously.*

## **II. Review proposed rule changes relating to the administration of the code.**

Richard Blackwell presented a [revised edition of proposed administrative rules](#). Mr. Blackwell presented a previous version of the proposed administrative rules during the September 17, 2007 committee meeting. Revisions were made by the division with input from the committee during the previous meeting. Revisions included editorial changes, time limits for plan review were removed, the alternate method process was clarified, plumbing utility service was clarified, clarification on the building official's authority to authorize an emergency disconnect, and a language change from “authority having jurisdiction” to “building official.”

Mr. Blackwell also distributed [Chapter 1 of the 2007 Oregon Structural Specialty Code](#) for the committee to review and provide suggestions for the division to add to the plumbing administrative rules.

The committee discussed how the administrative rules address plumbing complex plan review.

Members of the committee asked why the division planned to repeal OAR 918-750-0130, which regulates plumbing installations in moved buildings. Mr. Blackwell stated that the repeal was suggested because ORS 455.410 already governed moved buildings. Mr. Blackwell asked the committee if the division could provide copies of the statute for the committee to review alongside the proposed repeal. The committee agreed to receive copies of ORS 455.410 to review the statute in relation to OAR 918-750-0130.

Mr. Carlson suggested the committee meet again to discuss the administrative rules, after further review.

**III. Discuss potential conflicts in Chapter 5 relating to water heaters.**

Mr. Swisher explained that there are potential conflicts between the plumbing residential provisions and the structural and mechanical residential provisions. He outlined his recommendations, in a [color-coded document](#), on how to handle the conflicts for the code sections in the OPSC.

Motion by Mr. Murray to approve the outlined recommendations.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

The committee agreed to meet again to discuss the administrative rules. Mr. Carlson estimated the committee needs approximately an hour for the meeting.

The committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.