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## **State revokes license of plumbing contractor**

(Salem) The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Building Codes Division has revoked the Oregon license of JRT Mechanical Inc. for doing plumbing work without the proper licenses and permits.

The Washington state-based plumbing and mechanical contractor company has violated Oregon's licensing and permitting laws 10 times since 1992 and has been assessed \$14,500 for those violations.

DCBS' Building Codes Division revoked JRT's license March 6 for a period of five years. Revoking the license means the company cannot work in Oregon and its permits in Oregon are no longer valid. The company is appealing the decision to the state Court of Appeals.

JRT's violations include employing unlicensed individuals to do plumbing work and making plumbing installations without obtaining the necessary permits. The violations have taken place throughout the Portland area as well as in Springfield and Boardman.

DCBS' Building Codes Division conditioned JRT Mechanical's license in 2000 for three years, essentially putting the company on probation. But after the three-year period, the division uncovered two more cases of the company allowing unlicensed employees to perform plumbing work.

"We never like to revoke a company's license, but JRT Mechanical had multiple, repeat violations and plenty of chances to comply with the laws," said Roseanne Nelson, assistant manager/senior enforcement officer, enforcement and licensing, for the Building Codes Division.

Companies and individuals must be licensed to make plumbing installations in Oregon. DCBS' Building Codes Division urges consumers not to do business with unlicensed contractors. Anyone with information about JRT Mechanical or any other unlicensed contractor should call Nelson at (503) 378-5324.

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