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State revokes license of Portland-area plumbing company

(Washougal, Wash.) The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Building Codes Division has revoked the Oregon license of McGee Plumbing Co. for repeatedly allowing unlicensed individuals to make plumbing installations.

Washougal, Wash.-based McGee Plumbing has been fined \$10,000 for its violations in Oregon. Its first offense was in November 2002, when it allowed an individual without a valid plumber's license to install piping at an apartment building in Hermiston. In 2003, McGee allowed two unlicensed individuals to make plumbing installations in a single-family residence in Hood River. The most recent violation was in September 2004, when the company allowed another unlicensed individual to perform plumbing in Hood River.

McGee's Oregon license was revoked Feb. 22 for a period of five years. Revoking the license also means that all of McGee's current permits in Oregon are invalid.

Companies and individuals must be licensed to make plumbing installations in Oregon.

"It's always unfortunate when we have to revoke a company's license," said Roseanne Nelson, assistant manager/senior enforcement officer, enforcement and licensing, for the Building Codes Division, "but McGee Plumbing continued to allow unlicensed employees to do work despite the penalties, which is unacceptable. Working without the proper licenses puts consumers at great risk."

DCBS' Building Codes Division urges consumers not to do business with unlicensed contractors. Anyone with information about McGee Plumbing or any other unlicensed contractor should call Nelson at (503) 378-5324.

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