

**Plumbing Board  
Product and Code Review Committee  
Minutes**

**June 23, 2009**

**Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) – Minnesota Room  
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**Members Present:**

Karl Abrahamson  
Lawrence G. Justin  
Allen J. Lamm  
John A. Parizek  
Jim Peterson (Commissioner's Designee)

**Board Members Present:**

Rebecca Ames  
Ronald Thompson (MDH Commissioner's designee)

**Staff Present:**

Cathy Tran  
Wendy Legge  
Annette Trnka  
Jim Lungstrom  
Chuck Olson

**Members Absent:**

None

**Visitors:**

Louis Clendaniel  
Brian Soderholm  
Grant Brekke  
Charlie Ismert  
Bob Wolf  
Bob Lechner  
John Gunderson  
Paul Granos  
Gary Thaden  
Luther Westman  
Mark Miller  
Tom Hamel  
John Watson  
Danny Gleiberman

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Justin at 9:31 a.m. Announcements were made and introductions were done.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Lamm made a motion, seconded by Parizek, to approve the meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **III. Regular Business**

- A. April 29, 2009 Minutes – Abrahamson made a motion, seconded by Lamm, to accept the Minutes of the April 29, 2009 meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.
- B. Expense Reports – The Chair of the Plumbing Board, John Parizek, stated he had reviewed the expense reports and Per Diems, found them in order, and declared them approved.

### **IV. Special Business**

- A. RFA's Reviewed in past Committee Meetings – Updated information
  - i. 4715.2430, 4715.2440: Macerating Toilet Systems (File PB0035 submitted 7-22-08; reviewed at 8/27/08, 10/29/08, 1/28/09, 3/25/09 and 4/29/09 meetings). Bob Lechner presented and discussed proposed rule amendment language for 4714.2440, Subp. 2, Subp 5, Subp. XX, and Subp. 6. Staff and Committee members recommend the presenter add a definition for “macerating toilet system” and send to staff. Also recommended to address the issue that the system needs to be accessible and not behind a wall. Staff feels another Subparagraph should be added titled “Accessibility.”

Justin made a motion, seconded by Lamm, that the Plumbing Board file PB0035 be passed on to the Plumbing Board with the recommendation for approval, subject to the following recommended revisions:

1. Presenter will provide definition of “macerating toilet system” to staff and staff will edit to meet the Plumbing Code.
2. Under Subp. XX, add at the end of the first sentence “and shall be installed as per manufacturer’s recommendations.”
3. Subp. XXX “Accessibility” shall be added and staff shall provide the language.
4. Staff will review where the proposed language shall be located in the Plumbing Code and shall make any grammatical corrections.

The Aye vote was Parizek, Justin, Peterson and Lamm. Abrahamson voted Nay. The majority ruled and the motion passed.

- ii. 4715.2440: Grinder Pumps discharge pipe size – 1 ¼” minimum. (PB0009/revised 5/13/08; reviewed at 6/25/08 meeting.) Jeff Mogush presented. 4715.2350, and 4715.2440, Subp. 1, Subp. 2, and Subp. 3 were reviewed. Staff recommended adding language to state that this is only allowed when gravity is not possible. Parizek made a motion, seconded by Abrahamson, to turn this issue back to Staff for editing

and determination on where this should be placed in the Plumbing Code and to work with the Presenter on definition, clean-out locations, and material. The Aye vote was Parizek, Abrahamson, Lamm and Peterson. Justin abstained. The majority ruled and the motion passed.

The meeting took a break at 11:08 and reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

Since both PB0035 and PB0009 reference 4715.2440, the Chair recommends the review of both RFA's be completed in order to coordinate between the two RFA's.

- iii. 4715.1115 Exterior Grease Interceptors by Schier Products in conjunction with Green Turtle (Proceptor) (File PB0037 submitted 1/15/09; reviewed at 1/28/09 and 4/29/09 meeting.) Ben Ismert presented. The requests from the PCRC's May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to the Presenter were reviewed with the Presenter's answers. Legge stated that presenters should be aware of copyright permission when incorporating Standards such as the UPC. It was decided that the publishers should be contacted prior to any revision of language which is copyrighted to get permission to revise their language. It was also decided to contact Matt Marciniak from IAPMO to find out what limitations/restrictions may be given on using the UPC language before proceeding.

Parizek made a motion, seconded by Justin, that 4715.1110 and 4715.1115 be re-written, with Parizek contacting IAPMO to confirm usage of UPC language. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The Committee broke at 12:14 and reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

It was decided that when the Committee hears back from IAPMO, the Presenters will be contacted informing them of what was determined and staff will work with Presenters on language and concerns.

- iv. 4715.1415/30 language for Non-water Urinals by Falcon Waterfree Technologies and proposed language by Department of Labor and Industry. (File PB0034 submitted 7/03/08 by Falcon Waterfree Technologies; reviewed at 4/29/09 meeting and 8/19/08, 3/25/08 Green Committee Meetings.) Tom Hamel presenting – Danny Gleiberman present by teleconference. The proposed language by both the Presenter and the Department of Labor and Industry were reviewed. The Committee discussed that 4715.0960 would also have to be amended if 4715.1430, Subp. 3, third paragraph, is allowed to delete the phrase “or concealed interior partitions shall be used.”

Parizek made a motion, seconded by Justin, to pass both language presentations from the Presenter and the Department on to the Plumbing Board with no recommendations. The Committee recommends the Plumbing Board to consider the following:

1. Revise term to “Nonwater Urinal.”
2. If nonwater urinals are approved by the Plumbing Board considerations are recommended for exceptions to be added to 4715.0960.
3. Recommend that Staff supply the Plumbing Board with definitions of bell traps and full “S” traps for review.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The meeting took a break at 2:41 and reconvened at 2:50.

- v. 4715.2110I: Vista Clear Dental Units (File PB0012 submitted 01-30-07; reviewed at 8-27-08, 1/28/09, 3/25/09 and 4/29/09 meetings). Ron Thompson gave a brief overview of the Department of Health’s analysis of the units, which he states that could be provided to the Presenter prior to the July 21, 2009 Plumbing Board meeting.

Justin made a motion, seconded by Lamm, to pass RFA file PB0012 to the Plumbing Board without recommendation. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- B. Department update on previously presented RFA’s
  - i. 4715.2240 Access to Water Heaters (File PB0039 submitted 4/13/09.) There have been no submissions by the Presenter to the Board or the Department.
  - ii. Any past RFA’s not acted on. Cathy Tran stated that she had contacted all past open RFAs and has not received a response and recommends closing any stalled RFAs. The Committee concurred.

#### **V. Open Forum**

There were no requests for Open Forum.

#### **VI. Discussion**

There was no further discussion.

## **VII. Announcements**

### A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

- i. Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – Minnesota Room – DLI

## **XI. Adjournment**

Parizek made a motion, seconded by Abrahamson, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lawrence Justin*

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