



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of the Secretary

May 25th, 2011

Jason Olsen
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Re: Approval for the use of the ½” through 1” Webstone Push Valves and Fittings (Pro-Connect Push™) on Type K and L hard drawn and annealed seamless copper water tubes (ASTM B88), CPVC water tube (ASTM D2846/2846M), and PEX water tube (ASTM F876, F877) using the tube liner as designed by Zhejiang IDC Fluid Control Co., Ltd.

Dear Mr. Olsen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your email dated April 18th, 2011 addressed to the attention of Mr. Jake Causey, P.E., relative to requesting approval of the above referenced plumbing product for use in the State of Louisiana. Essentially your email requests that the ½” through 1” Webstone Push Valves and Fittings be approved under Section 102.7 “Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction” of the Louisiana State Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition (LSPC). This Section allows the use of any material or method of construction not specifically prescribed under the LSPC provided that any such alternate has been approved by the Plumbing Official. Section 202 of the LSPC defines the Plumbing Official as: i.) the State Health Officer (= co-State Plumbing Official), and ii.) any local Plumbing Department (= co-Local Plumbing Official) established and authorized by a political subdivision of the state.

After careful review by this office it has been brought to my attention that your Pro-Connect Push™ products have been certified by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) for conformance with NSF/ANSI 61-2009 and ASSE 1061-2006. It is also my understanding that the Pro-Connect Push fit ball valves have been certified for conformance to IGC 157-2010 – Ball Valves by IAPMO. After our discussions and review of the samples, literature, certifications, etc., provided, please be advised that this office offers no objection to the use of the ½” through 1” Webstone Pro-Connect Push Valves and Fittings on Type K and L hard drawn and annealed seamless copper water tubes (ASTM B88), CPVC water tube (ASTM D2846/2846M), and PEX water tube (ASTM F876, F877) using the tube liner as designed by Zhejiang IDC Fluid Control Co., Ltd. Please note that this system is not approved for use below a building slab as per the requirements of Section 611.3 of the LSPC.

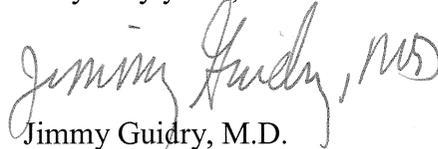
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This no objection is given with the understanding that the product shall be accompanied by the manufacturer's assembly and disassembly instructions. Per Section 303.5 of the LSPC, the manufacturer's published procedures or recommendations shall be followed upon installation.

Please be advised that this action does not abrogate your responsibility to obtain similar approval from those local jurisdictions having its own local Plumbing Department (= co-Local Plumbing Official) since the local jurisdiction's requirements may be stricter than the requirements of the LSPC.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff at (225) 342-7491.

Very truly yours,



Jimmy Guidry, M.D.
State Health Officer

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