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604.0 Materials.

604.1 Pipe, Tube and Fittings. Pipe, tube, fittings, solvent cements, thread sealants, solders, and flux used in potable water systems intended to supply drinking water shall be in accordance with the requirements of NSF 61. Materials used in the water supply system, except valves and similar devices, shall be of a like material, except where otherwise approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Materials for building water piping and building supply shall comply with the applicable standards, refer to Table 604.1.

*Exception: OSHPD 1, 2, 3 & 4/ Use of CPVC is not permitted for applications under OSHPD.*

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OTHER MATERIALS, RESTRICTIONS and APPROVALS

604.1.2 PEX.
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605.10 PEX Plastic and Joints.
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614.0 Dialysis Water-Distribution Systems [clinics and hospitals].
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615.4 [OSHPD 1]Emergency Water Supply.

Appendices [do not forget supplemental information/standards]
615.0 Identification of Potable and Nonpotable Water Lines

615.1 Uses Not Permitted

615.1.1 [OSHPD 1, 2, 3 & 4] Nonpotable water shall not be piped for drinking, washing or bathing, washing of clothing, washing of food, washing of cooking or eating utensils, washing food preparation or processing premises, or other personal service rooms.
615.4 [OSHPD 1] Emergency Water Supply

615.4.1 For new acute care hospital buildings submitted after the effective date of this code the hospital shall have an on-site water supply sufficient to operate essential hospital utilities and equipment in the acute care hospital building to support 72 hours continuing operation in the event an emergency.
615.4.2 The emergency supply of water shall be provided at adequate pressure using gravity, pressure tanks, or booster pumps.

Pumps used for this purpose shall be provided with electrical power from the onsite emergency power supply system [Equipment Branch].
CHAPTER 10 TRAPS AND INTERCEPTORS

1001.0 Traps
1001.1 Where Required. Each plumbing fixture, shall be separately trapped by an approved type of liquid seal trap. This section shall not apply to fixtures with integral traps.

1003.0 Traps Described.
1003.1 General Requirements. Each trap, except for traps within an interceptor or similar device shall be self-cleaning.
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1007.0 Seal Protection.

1007.1 General. Floor drain or similar traps directly connected to the drainage system and subject to infrequent use shall be protected with a trap seal primer, except where not deemed necessary for safety or sanitation by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Trap seal primers shall be accessible for maintenance.
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1014.0 Grease Interceptors
Where Required. Where it is determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction that waste pretreatment is required, an approved type interceptor(s) in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be correctly sized and properly installed in grease waste line(s)…

1014.1B [1,2,3&4] Grease interceptors shall not be installed in food preparation area of kitchens.

1014.1C [1,2,3&4] Grease interceptors shall be installed outside of the kitchen area in location affording ease of maintenance and servicing
CHAPTER 10 TRAPS AND INTERCEPTORS

1015.0 FOG (Fats, Oils and Greases) Disposal System.

1015.1 Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide the necessary criteria for the application, and installation of FOG disposal designated as a pretreatment or discharge water quality compliance strategy.

1015.6 [1,2,3&4] Grease interceptors shall not be installed in food preparation area of kitchens.

1015.7 [1,2,3&4] Grease interceptors shall be installed outside of the kitchen area in location affording ease of maintenance and servicing.
408.0 Showers.

408.1 Application. Manufactured shower receptors shall comply with the applicable standards referenced in Table 1401.1.

408.5 Finished Curb or Threshold… Each such receptor shall be provided with an integral nailing flange to be located where the receptor meets the vertical surface of the finished interior of the shower compartment. The flange shall be watertight and extend vertically not less than 1 inch (25.4 mm) above the top of the sides of the receptor. The finished floor of the receptor shall slope uniformly from the sides towards the drain not less than 1/4 inch per foot (20.8 mm/m), nor more than 1/2 inch per foot (41.8 mm/m).

**ISSUE:** Failing to achieve minimum dimensions
408.6 Shower Compartments. Shower compartments, regardless of shape, shall have a minimum finished interior of 1024 square inches (0.6606 m²) and shall also be capable of encompassing a 30 inch (762 mm) circle…

408.7 Lining for Showers and Receptors. Shower receptors built on-site shall be watertight and shall be constructed from approved-type dense, nonabsorbent, and noncorrosive materials. Each such receptor shall be adequately reinforced,…
408.7 Lining for Showers and Receptors...

Linings shall be properly recessed and fastened to approved backing so as not to occupy the space required for the wall and shall not be nailed or perforated at a point that is less than 1 inch (25.4 mm) above the finished dam or threshold. An approved-type subdrain shall be installed with a shower subpan or lining. Each such subdrain shall be of the type that sets flush with the subbase and shall be equipped with a clamping ring or other device to make a tight connection between the lining and the drain. The subdrain shall have weep holes into the waste line. The weep holes located in the subdrain clamping shall be protected from clogging.

Shower lining materials shall comply with approved standards acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction...
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408.7 Lining for Showers and Receptors

Shower pan material needs support along its sides until it’s tiled. Place backing between the studs. Make sure the pan turn-up is at least 2 inches above the finished threshold level. It’s OK to use nails to secure the shower lining to the backing, but never less than 1 inch above the finished threshold. See IPC Section 417.5.2. Figure 14-9 shows a shower pan installation.

A shower floor must have a 2 percent slope toward its drain. Shower strainers are equipped with a clamping ring (upper flange). The shower liner is clamped between the two pieces making up the clamping ring, which makes a watertight joint. Again, see IPC Section 417.5.2. Figure 14-10 shows the details of a shower pan installation.
Receptor lining must extend 3" (76 mm) above top of finished dam and outward on face of rough jamb.

Finish height of dam to be at least 2" (51 mm) above high point of shower drain.

Receptor lining turned over dam and thoroughly tacked outside. No punctures less than 1" (25.4 mm) above the finished dam or threshold on the interior and top of dam or threshold.

Receptor lining shall be pitched not less than 1/4" per foot (20.8 mm/m) to weep holes in drain.

For receptor lining see Section 4.2

Flange of approved type sub drain set exactly level with sub floor with clamping ring or other device to make tight connection with receptor lining.

1024 (0.88m²) minimum floor area finish floor to have minimum of 1/4" (20.8 mm/m) and maximum of 1/2" (41.7 mm/m) pitch to drain per foot.

Minimum of 0.05 inch (1.3 mm) thickness strainer

Receptor lining must extend 3" (76 mm) above top of finished dam and outward on face of rough jamb.

Fur out or notch studs to receive lining.

Keep lining flush with face of studs or framing.

Mortar setting bed with approved waterproofing additive.

See Section 2.5.
801.0 Indirect Wastes.

801.1 Air Gap or Air Break Required. Indirect waste piping shall discharge into the building drainage system through an air gap or air break as set forth in this code. Where a drainage air gap is required by this code, the minimum vertical distance as measured from the lowest point of the indirect waste pipe or the fixture outlet to the flood-level rim of the receptor shall be not less than 1 inch (25.4 mm).
CHAPTER 8  INDIRECT WASTES

- **AIR GAP**: is the unobstructed, vertical air space that separates the end of a supply line and the flood level rim of a receptacle.

- **AIR BREAK**: is a waste line or pipe from a fixture that discharges used water or liquid waste into another fixture or receptacle at a point below the flood level rim.
CHAPTER 8  INDIRECT WASTES

801.2 Food and Establishments.

- Establishments engaged in the storage, preparation, selling, serving, processing, or other handling of food and beverage involving the following equipment that requires drainage shall provide indirect waste piping for refrigerators, refrigeration coils, freezers, walk-in coolers, iceboxes, icemaking machines, steam tables, egg boilers, coffee urns and brewers, hot-and-cold drink dispensers, and similar equipment.

- Medical Equipment
CHAPTER 8  INDIRECT WASTES

802.0 Approvals.

802.1 General. No plumbing fixtures served by indirect waste or receiving discharge therefrom shall be installed until first approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction [Health Departments and their requirements].

803.0 Indirect Waste Piping.

803.1 General. Except as hereinafter provided, the size and construction of indirect waste piping shall be in accordance with other sections of this code applicable to drainage and vent piping.
804.0 Indirect Waste Receptors.

804.1 Standpipe Receptors. Plumbing fixtures or other receptors receiving the discharge of indirect waste pipes shall be approved for the use proposed and shall be of such shape and capacity as to prevent splashing or flooding and shall be located where they are readily accessible for inspection and cleaning.
Figure 8-4

Typical air gap indirect drainage method

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Note: The air gap must be at least 2" or twice the size of the drainpipe above the flood level rim of floor sink.
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1 inch air gap minimum

Tile installed flush with floor sink

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