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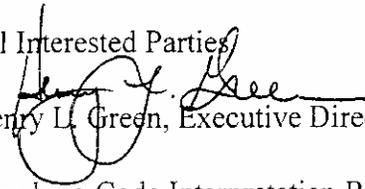
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TO: All Interested Parties
FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Plumbing Code Interpretation Request

The State Construction Code Commission approved the following interpretation on July 15, 1998, regarding the acceptance of a half height door to provide privacy between fixtures in water closet compartments in toddler restrooms.

QUESTION: Are toddler restroom water closet compartments provided with sufficient privacy between fixtures when water closet compartments utilize half height doors?

ANSWER: Yes.

COMMENTARY: The Department of Consumer and Industry Services' Construction Code Commission General Rules, Part 7, Rule 725b, Section PROCEDURES:- 306.4 Water closet compartment, states, in part:

"Each water closet used by the public or employees shall occupy a separate compartment with a door and walls or partition between fixtures to secure privacy..."

The rule requirement of a door in itself provides clarification that the efforts to secure privacy for the water closet user is also required in securing privacy from other occupants of the restroom area. However, toddler restrooms, which warrant monitoring for security and assistance issues, may utilize half height doors.

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