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Subject	Rule Reference
Electrically Operated Hand Washing Faucets	1998 Minimum Design Standards for Health Care Facilities in Michigan Section 2.1.A
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Interpretive Bulletins are released by the Health Facilities Engineering Section to clarify sections of the 1998 Michigan Design Standards for Health Care Facilities in Michigan and when research, experience, or technology illustrates present regulations do not adequately address the specific instances or circumstances in the health care environment.

Hand washing facilities that depend on building electrical power to function shall be connected to the emergency power system.

This interpretation only applies to hand washing facilities that are required under rule 2.1.A as supported by the requirements the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) which specifies in section 517-33(a)(4) that emergency power shall be provided for “Additional specialized patient care task illumination and receptacles, where needed...” and specifies in section 517(a)(9) that emergency power shall be provided for “...receptacles, and selected power circuits needed for effective hospital operation.”