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INTERPRETATION

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Interpretation Date:	March 21, 2017
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2012
Subject:	Potable Water Supply
Keywords:	Potable Water/Piped Water Supply
Building Code Reference(s):	9.31.3.1.(1), 9.31.3.2.(1)
Question:	Is a piped water supply required to provide potable water to a dwelling unit (single family dwelling)?
Interpretation:	<p>No,</p> <p>Sentence 9.31.3.1.(1) of the British Columbia Building Code (BCBC), states that "Every dwelling unit shall be supplied with potable water."</p> <p>Sentence 9.31.3.2.(1) states "Where a piped water supply is available, piping for hot and cold water shall be connected to every kitchen sink, lavatory, bathtub, shower, slop sink and laundry area."</p> <p>A piped water supply may not be available to provide potable water to a dwelling unit, in some circumstances, and the BCBC would not prohibit an alternative source of potable water being utilized. It is the responsibility of the owner/applicant to provide the appropriate information as required by Division C, Part 2, Sentence 2.2.2.1.(1) showing conformance with the BCBC.</p>
	 _____ R. J. Light, Committee Chair
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