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Subject: Maintaining trap seals on floor drains

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Question:

Does periodic manual replenishment meet the intent of Sentence 7.4.5.5.(1) as a means of maintaining the trap seal of a floor drain in a residence?

Interpretation:

Yes.

Clause 7.4.5.5.(1)(c) permits the maintenance of trap seals of a floor drain to be accomplished by other equally effective means. This is further explained in Appendix A of Division B, A-7.4.5.5.(1).

Please note that the floor drain must be located so that it is readily accessible for use, cleaning and maintenance to meet the requirements of Sentence 7.1.3.2.(1).



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