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Question:

Where a valve is installed on the water supply to a hose bibb is it required to be accessible?


Interpretation:

Yes

Where a valve is installed in a water system, Sentence 7.1.3.2. (1) requires that all such valves be made readily accessible for use, cleaning and maintenance.

A water supply to an outside hose bibb shall be provided with protection from frost in accordance with Clauses 7.6.1.4. (1) (a) or (b).

In this situation the installer chose to install a valve inside of the building as described in Clause 7.6.1.4. (1) (b) to provide the necessary frost protection for the hose bibb by closing the valve in the winter months.



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