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INTERPRETATION

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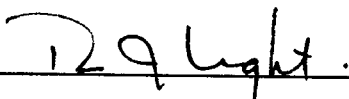
Question:

Except for Disabled and Special Medical Facilities Access Requirements, what *fixture* clearances should be maintained for all *building* uses?

Interpretation:

The 1998 BC Building Code is silent regarding specific dimensions and simply states in Sentence 7.1.5.2.(1) that "Every *fixture*, *appliance*, *interceptor*, *cleanout*, valve, device or piece of equipment shall be so located that it is readily accessible for use, cleaning and maintenance."

Plumbing Officials' Association of British Columbia (POABC) Interpretation #1056 has recommended *fixture* clearances that may be taken as one example of dimensions meeting the "readily accessible" criteria. (see attachment – 2 pages)



R.J. Light, Committee Chair

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