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**INTERPRETATION**

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**Question:**

When a fixture is supplied by separate hot and cold faucet controls, Sentence 7.6.1.1. (2) requires the hot water faucet control on the left side and the cold water faucet control on the right side.

How would you determine the hot water faucet control location for a bathtub?

**Interpretation:**

It has been determined that in the interest of scald protection, the hot water faucet control shall be located on the users left side when within the bathtub.

  
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R. J. Light, Committee Chair

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