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**INTERPRETATION**

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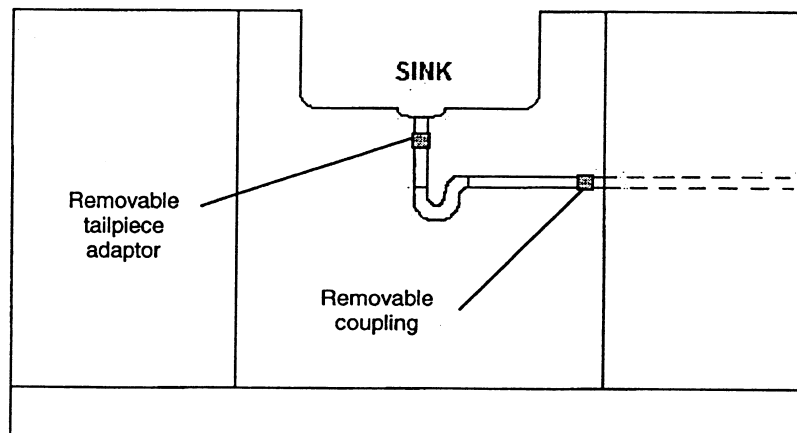
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**Question:**

The 1998 BC Building Code Clauses 7.2.3.1.(3)(a)(b) indicates the cleanout requirements for traps serving lavatories, sinks and laundry trays.

Where the fixture outlet pipe and trap are removable within the cabinet space below the fixture served, would the installation be considered to meet the code intent?



**Interpretation:**

The intent of the code is to provide easy removal for trap cleaning. Therefore, the installation method illustrated in the question meets this intent for trap access only providing approved removable fittings are used where noted. This installation method would require that all removable piping and fittings be kept within the immediate cabinet space underneath the fixture.

  
R. J. Light, Committee Chair

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