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**INTERPRETATION**

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**Question:**

1. Are there any requirements for clearances around gas or electric ranges within dwelling units of Part 3 buildings?
2. Do the Part 9 clearance requirements for gas and electric ranges cross reference to either Part 3 or Part 6?

**Interpretation:**

1. No, there are no requirements for clearances around gas or electric ranges within dwelling units of Part 3 buildings contained within the B.C. Building Code. Clearances for these types of appliances are contained within the Gas or Electrical Safety Acts and Regulations.
2. No, the clearance requirements contained within 9.10.21. and 9.34.1. do not cross reference to either Part 3 or Part 6 of the Code.

  
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R. J. Light, Committee Chair

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