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Question:

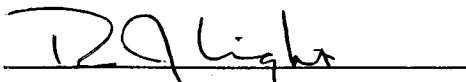
When a group of lab sinks, washing machines, floor drains or shower drains are piped to a common trap as permitted by Sentence 7.4.5.1.(3), does the maximum 900 mm fixture outlet pipe length apply?

Interpretation:

No.

The requirement for a maximum 900 mm fixture outlet pipe length does not apply in this case as noted by Sentence 7.4.8.2.(1) which states "Except for fixture outlet pipes installed in conformance with Sentence 7.4.5.1.(3), the developed length of every fixture outlet pipe shall not exceed 900 mm."

It should be noted that groups of fixtures such as lab sinks must be located in a single bench or counter in order to be drained to a common trap. This requirement is supported by B.C. Appeal Board Decision #1244.



R. J. Light, Committee Chair

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