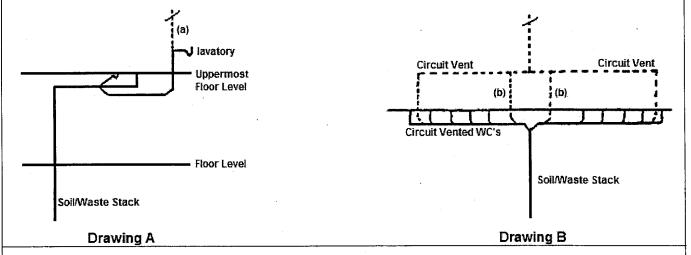
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## Question:

The 1998 BCBC Sentence 7.5.4.1.(1) requires the upper end of every soil or waste stack to terminate in a stack vent.

- 1. In Drawing A, could vent (a) be considered the required stack vent if sized accordingly?
- 2. In Drawing B, could either vent (b) be considered the required stack vent if sized accordingly?



## Interpretation:

- 1. Yes. Providing the upper end of the stack at the lavatory is sized as a stack using the total load at the base of the stack. The stack vent is sized to Table 7.5.8.4. and 7.5.8.4.(1) & (3) where applicable using the total load at the base of the stack.
- 2. Yes. Sentence 7.5.8.4.(2) permits a relief vent to act as the required stack vent if sized as a stack vent using the total load at the base of the stack. The remaining relief vent (b) must be installed to serve the other circuit vented branch.



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