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Question:
Is it acceptable to discharge a service water heater pan drain to a clothes washer standpipe?

The diagram illustrates a plumbing connection. At the top, a rectangular box labeled 'HWT' (Service Water Heater) has a pan drain pipe labeled '1 1/4' extending downwards. This pipe then turns to the right and upwards, connecting to a vertical standpipe labeled '1 1/2' at the top. The standpipe is connected to a rectangular box labeled 'CW' (Clothes Washer). A dashed vertical line on the right side of the standpipe is labeled '1 1/4', indicating the height of the standpipe. The pan drain pipe from the HWT is shown to be at a higher elevation than the top of the standpipe.

Interpretation:
Yes Providing the indirect connection for the pan drain is located at or above that of the clothes washer.
It is understood that the service water heater is within the occupancy it serves.

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