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**INTERPRETATION**

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Subject:	Cleanout for a 2" Wet Vent Serving a Bathroom Group
Keywords:	Cleanout, Wet Vent, Bathroom Group
Building Code Reference(s):	2.4.7.1., 2.4.7.4.
<b>Question:</b>	<p>Can a 2" sanitary tee, installed to connect the trap arm / fixture drain of the lavatory, be used as the cleanout for a bathroom group?</p>
<b>Interpretation:</b>	<p>Yes, as long as it is installed in such a manner as to meet the following conditions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The sanitary tee is installed to come straight out of the wall, i.e., it is not turned sideways in the wall cavity necessitating the installation of a fitting (a 45 or 90 degree elbow for example) to direct the trap / arm fixture drain back out of the wall. This is a requirement as access must be provided to the portion of the continuous vent up to the flood level rim of the lavatory,</li><li>• In the case of a wall which is a fire separation having a fire resistance rating, the entire portion of the 2" connection for the trap arm / fixture drain of the lavatory is outside of the drywall and is removable at this point. This is necessary to maintain the integrity of the fire separation, when this portion of the trap arm / fixture drain is serving as the cleanout, and it is used for maintenance purposes.</li></ul>
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