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INTERPRETATION

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Subject:	Hot and Cold Control Location for Single Lever Faucets
Keywords:	Faucets, Hot and Cold Controls
Building Code Reference(s):	2.6.1.1.(1)

Question:

Sentence 2.6.1.1.(1) of the BCPC requires that where fixtures are supplied with separate hot and cold water controls, the hot water control is located on the left and the cold on the right. What is the requirement, if any, for single lever faucets?

Interpretation:

Although specific regarding the location of hot and cold controls for faucets with separate water controls, the BCPC is silent when considering the hot and cold control direction for single lever faucets.

The Committee considers best practice to be having the hot and cold direction as indicated on the faucet itself. Most manufacturers provide some sort of identifying feature to indicate hot and cold direction.



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