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INTERPRETATION

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Subject:	Bottle Traps
Keywords:	Bottle Traps, P-Traps
Building Code Reference(s):	2.2.3.1.(1), 2.2.3.1.(1)(b)
Question: Are bottle traps permitted to be used in a drain, waste and vent (DWV) system?	
Interpretation: No, Bottle traps have an interior baffle which creates the trap seal and, should it fail, would not meet the requirement of Clause 2.2.3.1.(1)(b) which requires the failure of the seal walls to cause exterior leakage.	
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