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INTERPRETATION

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Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code Book I: General
Subject:	Insulation of Domestic Hot Water Recirculation Piping
Keywords:	Domestic Hot Water, Recirculating Service Water Heating, Insulation
Building Code Reference(s):	9.36.4.4.(2)
Question:	Does a recirculating service water heating system that may be programmed to run continuously require the piping insulation as per Sentence 9.36.4.4.(2)?
Interpretation:	<p>Yes.</p> <p>If a recirculation system may be programmed to run continuously the piping would need to be covered with piping insulation at least 12 mm thick.</p>
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