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**INTERPRETATION**

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Subject:	Private Water Supply Water Service Shut-off Valve Requirements
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Building Code Reference(s):	2.6.1.3.(1), 2.6.1.3.(2)
<b>Question:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Does a water service pipe that conveys water from a private water supply require a shut-off valve where the pipe enters the building?</li><li>2. Does Sentence 2.6.1.3.(2), which requires a shut-off valve at the source of supply for a private water supply system, waive the requirement for a shut-off valve as described in Sentence (1)?</li></ol>
<b>Interpretation:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Yes. <p>A shut-off valve is required by Sentence 2.6.1.3.(1) as close as possible to where a water service pipe enters a building. By definition, a water service pipe includes those pipes that convey water from a private water source. In addition, this shut-off valve must be located before any equipment or fixtures, such as a pressure tank.</p></li><li>2. No. <p>The requirement in Sentence 2.6.1.3.(2) for a shut-off valve at the source of supply in a private water supply system is required in addition to the shut-off valve mentioned above.</p></li></ol>  <hr/> <p>Patrick Shek, P.Eng., CP, FEC, Committee Chair</p>
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