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Question:

Do cleanouts for the fixture drains serving sinks, intended to be used for hand washing only, need to comply with the location requirement in Sentence 2.4.7.4.(5)?

Interpretation:

No.

Sentence 2.4.7.4.(5) requires cleanouts serving fixture drains in healthcare facilities, mortuaries, laboratories and similar occupancies, where contamination by hazardous waste is likely, to be located a minimum of 150 mm above the flood level rim of the fixture.

In the case of sinks intended to be used for hygienic purposes only, such as hand washing sinks, the contamination by hazardous waste is unlikely.

See also BCIC #06-0015 for further information.

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