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Mr. Robert E. Raymer, PE
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Dear Mr. Raymer:

This letter is to confirm the Department's position on dual plumbed recycled water projects with respect to cafeterias and snack bars. Section 60313, Title 22 of the California Health and Safety Code restricts dual plumbed recycled water from being used in any facility that produces or processes food products or beverages. However, it also states that cafeterias or snack bars, in a facility whose primary function does not involve the production or processing of foods or beverages, are not considered facilities that produce or process foods or beverages. Therefore, the Department will approve the use of dual plumbed recycled water in any facility, in which a cafeteria or snack bar is located, whose primary purpose is not the production or processing of foods or beverages.

We understand that a letter sent by the Department to the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board on a project in the City of Santa Clara may have been misinterpreted and resulted in the City denying the use of dual plumbed recycled water in a commercial building. This was not the Department's intent in issuing a conditional approval for this project. We would encourage projects proponents to go directly to the responsible Drinking Water Program District Engineer if a question arises on our approval or denial of a dual plumbed recycled water system for a particular facility. I have enclosed a map which gives the boundaries of each of our district offices and the names and phone numbers of each District Engineer for your reference.

If you have any questions please contact Bruce Burton at (916) 449-5596.

Sincerely,

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