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## **DWR Announces Comment Period for Plumbing Design Standards**

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR), Water Use & Efficiency Branch proposes to adopt changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 5. These proposed building standards are related to DUAL PLUMBING DESIGN STANDARDS FOR POTABLE AND RECYCLED WATER SYSTEMS INSIDE BUILDINGS.

DWR will accept written comments on the proposed code for 45 days from August 28, 2009, until 5 p.m. on October 12, 2009.

Draft language for the dual plumbing design standards and other pertinent information can be found online at <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/recycle/plumb/plumb.cfm>.

DWR has developed the proposed dual plumbing code as required by Assembly Bill 371 (Goldberg 2006). This bill requires DWR, in consultation with the State Department of Health Services, to adopt and submit to the California Building Standards Commission regulations to establish a state version of Appendix J (renamed Chapter 16A, Part 2) of the Uniform Plumbing Code into the California Plumbing Code.

The Plumbing Code/Cross-Connection Control Workgroup, a working group advising the 2002 Recycled Water Task Force, drafted design standards to dual plumb buildings for potable and recycled water systems. DWR held workshops in May 2009 and incorporated comments into this updated proposed code.

### **Authorizing legislation and documents**

- [AB 371: http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/recycle/laws/AB371-2006.pdf](http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/recycle/laws/AB371-2006.pdf)
- [Draft Dual Plumbing Code: http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/recycle/plumb/2Plumb.doc](http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/recycle/plumb/2Plumb.doc)
- [Recycled Water Taskforce Report: http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/recycle/docs/TaskForceReport.htm](http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/recycle/docs/TaskForceReport.htm)

Any interested person, or authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed Dual Plumbing Code during the 45-day comment period starting August 28, 2009 until 5 PM on October 12, 2009.

Email written comments to:

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Please limit comments to changes to the Draft Dual Plumbing Code, where added text is displayed in italicized double underline and deleted text is displayed in double strikeout. All written comments must be submitted to DWR no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2009.

The proposed code can be found at: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/recycle/plumb/2Plumb.doc>

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