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TECHNICAL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE # 10/92

TO: Borough Commissioners/Superintendents
Chief Plumbing Inspectors

FROM: David Sobel, P.E., Executive Engineer 

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SUBJECT: Local Law 29/89 - Low Flow Fixtures

The following is a clarification of Local Law 29/89, Low Flow Fixtures, based upon Commissioner Rinaldi's memorandum of April, 21, 1992, Commissioner Appleton's memorandum of May 28, 1992, State D.E.C. list of accepted fixtures, September 1992, List "B", page 100, and concerns of the Committee of Plumbers and Mechanical Engineers.

Local Law 29/89 is not applicable to the following plumbing fixtures:

Aspirators	Bedpan Washers
BathtubsFaucets	Clinic Service Sink Faucets
Bidets	Instrument Sink Faucets
Emergency Showers and Eyewash Fountains	Perineal Baths
Dish Washers or Washing Machines	Plaster Work Sink Faucets
Hose Bibs	Sitz Baths
Laundry Tray Faucets	Surgical Sink Faucets
Service Sink Faucets (Slop Sink, Mop Sink)	Distilled Water Faucets
Whirlpool Baths	Needle Point Faucets
	Steam Fittings
	Tube Washers

All fixtures used for food service shall comply with flow rates, but need not be self-closing.

Blow out type toilets in prisons, stadiums, airports and large exhibition spaces such as the convention center shall be exempted at this time pending review. This determination shall be reviewed based upon the latest statistics from industry and government.

Lavatory faucets in hospitals and nursing homes shall comply with volume requirements of Local Law 29/89, except for public and office spaces, which shall also comply with self-closing requirements.

Lavatories in public toilets shall be limited to one-half G.P.M.

In a shower stall, the total flow of all shower heads within the stall shall be three G.P.M.

Reference: Operational PPN # 23/91 and PPN # 22/92