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Testing of Plumbing Systems

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This office has recently been advised that not all local plumbing subcode officials are enforcing the test requirements of the Plumbing Subcode. It might be that they have overlooked the test requirements, or because of misinterpretation or some other reason have not carried out these tests.

It is necessary that all new plumbing systems and parts of existing systems which have been altered, extended, or repaired must be tested to insure they are free of leaks and defects. These tests must be in accordance with Chapter 15 of the Plumbing Subcode.

Cases that are exempted from testing are listed under Section 15.3.2 and a variation may be granted as stated under N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.9.

We want to emphasize that the testing of plumbing systems is considered to be part of the final inspection, and it is necessary that the test requirements of the Plumbing Subcode be properly administered and enforced.

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