

**PLUMBING CHIEFS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
14105 N. W. 58TH COURT  
MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA 33014**

Meeting Date: October 24, 2002  
Where: Plumbers Local 519 Building  
Time: 10:00 A.M.

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Meeting was opened by Mr. Kevin Fennell at 10:00 A.M.

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Members present: Bob Andrews, Cary Bauer, Jim Bickford, William Burns, Fred Hoffman, Albert Koreleshin, Kevin Fennell, Sal Martone, Dave Mitchell, Bruce Rogers, Bruce Traina, Ed Xirinachs, Jean Brosseau, Raul del Castillo, Jorge Gamoneda,

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Previous meeting minutes August and November were presented and approval will be pending for next meeting.

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**Guests:**

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**Item #1-**

Next meeting will coincide with Thanksgiving Holiday, therefore there is a need to change November's meeting date, to December 12, 2002.

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**Item #2 -**

Represented by Architect Sergio Clarck, Ferma S.A presented their products to the members of the Committee for review.

The product consisted of Pipes and fittings made of polypropylene. They are manufactured in Argentina and it was mentioned that they comply with European standards.

The main purpose of this presentation was to learn from the Committee which was the requirements to comply with US standards.

It was mentioned that Raw materials meet NSF 14.

Brochures and sample pipes were presented to the Committee.

It was the Committee recommendation to apply statewide for Dade County products approval. Prior to this all the specifications should be translated from the metric system to inches for friendly use in the US.

It was also remarked that the product should met ASTM and NSF14, NSF61 standards.

It was mentioned by a member of the Committee that the material these pipes are made are not listed in the water distribution section of the Florida Plumbing Code.

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**Item #3 -  
GEBERIT**

Mr. Manfred Wolpert  
Vice -President of Product Services  
Contact Number: 219-879-4466

Mr. Wolpert presented the Gerberit Tessera™ Toilet System which consists of a Wall hung bowl and a hidden tank and carrier.

Technical specifications, samples and parts were explained and discussed with the members of the committee. It was remarked that the trap is in the toilet bowl.

The unit is adjustable in height.

Accessibility was questioned by the members of the Committee, it was explained that access through the tank and replacement from the same brand is required.

The mentioned products are IATMO and ASSC approved not SBCCI yet. The bowl complies with the china requirement .Approved within city of Chicago, Wisconsin, New York and Illinois.

The product's technical characteristics were discussed and review.

A motion was presented to the Committee to accept the products Gerberit wall hung bowl mod. 111.870, and tank & carrier Mod. 111.816. The motion passed unanimously.

It was also a Committee recommendation to apply for Dade County product approval. .So far Broward and Dade County Plumbing Chiefs will approve the product use within their municipalities.

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**Item #4 -**

It was brought by a member of the Committee, that only products that meet the requirements of the Florida Plumbing Code in regards to water distribution would be accepted , however materials like copper , even though that have been in use for the longest time, now they should be tested for NSF 61 . This test is meant for plastic materials that may contaminate the potable water when in contact.

According to Code copper pipes have to meet this standard too.

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**Item #5 In reference to commercial washing machines** the Plumbing Chief from the City of Sunrise expressed his interpretation. It was expressed that each chief has to take the position about determine the possible damage that a product may cause and take a stand about it

If a washing machine is for commercial use, there is no way to know what they are going to dispose, being that the reason why they need a lint trap to avoid any inconvenience. However

The consensus of the Committee was to implement an interceptor or separator .This use would be determined according to the type of work that the machine will perform, and the chemicals used in it.

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Although the decision is still left to the Chief Plumbing Inspector's discretion.

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**Item #6** - It was mentioned by the Committee that a drinking fountain may be replaced by bottled water except to meet the accessibility requirements

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**Item #7** -

It was brought to the committee the criteria about the relief lines in the case of water heaters , the use of pans is recommended instead of dumping the water on the floor.

NOTE: THROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE ABOVE ITEMS A MORE UNIFORM

**REMINDER:**  
Our next Plumbing Chiefs and Standards Committee meeting is

Thursday, December 12, 2002

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