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**TO: LICENSED GAS CONTRACTORS
LICENSED GAS FITTERS
LICENSED SUPPLY HOUSES**

SUBJECT: PLASTIC VENTING AUDITS – 2007 CODE SUPPLEMENT

2007 Code Supplement

An interim revision of the 2005 B149.1 Codes will be issued January 1, 2007. These revisions will be sent to all code book holders who returned the card. Revisions will also be available to download from the CSA website.

One of the changes coming in the B149.1 code concerns plastic venting.

Specifically as follows:

- 8.9.5 Venting systems that employ plastic vents shall be installed such that the first 3 ft (900 mm), or total vent run if less than 3 ft (900mm) from the appliance flue outlet is readily accessible for visual inspection.
- 8.9.6 Vents constructed using plastic piping shall be certified to ULC S636 – (Standard for BH gas venting - systems otherwise known as category IV venting or low temperature plastic venting).

We are advised by one pipe supplier that an ample supply of certified vent pipe will be available Jan 1. 2007.

These changes address issues with plastic venting that have occurred in the past few years with leaking joints and pipe failure. Effective Feb 1, 2007, all plastic venting shall comply with 8.9.3 and 8.9.6 as shown above.

Celcore

Celcore ABS and PVC pipe is currently listed in some manufacturing manuals. Problems have been experienced in Canada with leakage and cracking of this pipe. Effective immediately Celcore pipe is not to be used for combustion venting.

Code Meetings

The 2007 code supplement will be implemented July 1, 2007 except for the plastic venting portion as noted above.

Meetings will be held in April/May 2007 to review the changes in the 2007 code supplement. We will advise date and location in early 2007.

Audits

I wish to note that audits to assess compliance with *The Gas Inspection Act, 1993* continues. As advised previously, permits for new services must be turned into Gas Inspections prior to service activation. It is our policy that permits for replacements, alterations etc. must be turned in within 30 days of the installation

Thank you for your co-operation in the matters of public safety.



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