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Office of the Regional Administrator

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Mr. Edward S. White
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Dear Mr. White:

This is in reply to your letter of May 14, 1969, respecting interpretation of a provision of the plumbing code of the City of Atlanta.

You point out in your letter that Section 114, covering the provision in question, was revised some time ago and that, as presently worded, the section is verbatim from the Southern Standard Plumbing Code. According to your letter the question revolves around the interpretation of that section as applied in practice in that wiped lead stubs are still required on all floors above grade by the Plumbing Division of the City of Atlanta. Your letter further advises that this "interpretation and practice are attributed by the Plumbing Division to a recommendation made by HUD."

Some two or three years ago, as a result of some rather lengthy discussions between the codes staff of this office and that of the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta plumbing code was amended in several respects so as to bring it more nearly in line with nationally recognized model codes. (As you know, the policy of HUD is to encourage localities to adopt model codes which are nationally recognized or locally developed codes that are reasonably comparable to the model codes, provided such standards do not significantly increase the cost of housing construction or restrict the use of materials and methods authorized by such nationally recognized codes.) However, an examination of our correspondence files with the City of Atlanta shows no reference to any interpretation by HUD of Section 114. The interpretation of Section 114 which requires the use of wiped lead stubs on all floors above grade is, therefore, that of the codes department of the City of Atlanta.

We thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. Baxter

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cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓