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**NOTICE OF FINAL INTERPRETATION**

On January 17, 2023 the Minnesota Plumbing Board issued a Final Interpretation, which is printed below, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§ 326B.435, subd. 2(a)(4), and 326B.127, subd. 5.

Any person aggrieved by this Final Interpretation may appeal it within 30 days of its issuance in accordance with Minnesota Statutes chapter 14.

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**FINAL INTERPRETATION**

Inquiry:	PB0158
Subject:	Suds-Producing Fixtures
Code Reference:	2020 Minnesota Plumbing Code: 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) sections 711.1, as incorporated in the Minnesota Plumbing Code by Minnesota Rules, part 4714.0050.
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Approved by:	Minnesota Plumbing Board, by Richard Becker, P.E., Chair
Date Received:	January 04, 2023
Issue Date:	January 17, 2023

**Question:** Are showers considered suds-producing fixtures for the purposes of suds relief under the Plumbing Code?

**Answer:** No, showers are not considered suds-producing fixtures.

**Analysis:** The Plumbing Code states that “[b]athtubs, laundries, washing machine standpipes, kitchen sinks, and dishwashers shall be considered suds-producing fixtures.” The Board determined that, because showers are not included in this list of suds-producing fixtures, a shower is not considered a suds-producing fixture for the purposes of suds relief under the Plumbing Code.

**Commentary:** This request for interpretation was considered at the regular meeting of the Board on January 17, 2023. All parties had an opportunity to be heard. As required by Minnesota

Statutes, section 326B.127, subd. 5, the Minnesota Plumbing Board will consider this final interpretation for adoption as part of the Minnesota Plumbing Code

Date: February 2, 2023

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Richard Becker, P.E., Chair  
Minnesota Plumbing Board