



June 18, 2009

Dear Building Official,

Please see the enclosed notice regarding plumbing plan reviews. The authority to review plumbing plans for compliance with the Minnesota Plumbing Code transferred from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) in 2005. As a result of that change, DLI has been reviewing plumbing plans for most public buildings in the state.

Beginning June 1, 2009 DLI also began reviewing plumbing plans for health care related facilities regulated by MDH. Those facilities include hospitals, nursing homes, supervised living facilities, outpatient surgical centers, boarding care homes, and residential hospice facilities. Therefore, both MDH and DLI will review the plumbing plans. MDH will review to check compliance with state licensing requirements, while DLI's review will check for compliance with the Minnesota Plumbing Code.

Municipalities having plumbing plan review agreements with the state, as well as cities of the first class (Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth), are also subject to this requirement. Plumbing plan review agreements do not allow local municipalities to review plans for MDH regulated health care facilities. Please ensure that any of the above named plans received by your department have also been sent to MDH and DLI.

We felt it important to make you aware of this change. Please note that plumbing plans for the above types of health care related facilities must be approved by both MDH and DLI prior to any construction activities at these sites. You should receive copies of correspondence from our respective departments indicating that we have approved the plumbing plans. We appreciate your assistance in seeing that these requirements are being met.

Sincerely,

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## **Announcement Plumbing Plan Review and Inspection Unit**

Effective June 1, 2009, plumbing plans for licensed health care facilities regulated by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) must be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) for review. This applies to all plumbing plans for hospitals, nursing homes, supervised living facilities, and similar licensed health care related facilities, including facilities located within Cities of The First Class (Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth), and facilities located within cities that have plumbing plan review agreements with DLI.

DLI will review the plumbing plans for compliance with the Minnesota Plumbing Code, per Minnesota Rules Ch. 4715.3130. A set of plans must continue to be submitted to MDH, as MDH reviews plans for compliance with specific MDH licensing requirements. It is important to note that, even after DLI approval of the plumbing plans, approval must be obtained from MDH prior to the start of any construction activities.

**The following items are required information when submitting health care facility plumbing plans to DLI for review:**

- A completed Plumbing Plan Review Application.
- A set of plumbing plans that have been designed and certified by a Minnesota licensed professional engineer.
- Floor plan showing all fixture locations, horizontal drainage pipe locations, and sizes.
- Water, drain, waste, and vent riser diagrams.
- Roof plan, if applicable.
- Plumbing specifications.
- Utility site plans showing water and sewer service connections for new construction, if applicable.
- The required plan review fee must be submitted to DLI as calculated from the fee calculator at <http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/PlanPlumbingCalc.asp>

For more information on the plumbing plan review requirements, visit <http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/PlanPlumbing.asp> or call the Plumbing Plan Review and Inspection unit's general phone line at (651) 284-5067.