

**STATE OF OREGON  
BUILDING CODES DIVISION**

**STATEWIDE INTERPRETATION  
No. C404.1  
OREGON MECHANICAL SPECIALTY CODE**

**SUBJECT:**           **Installation of gas piping in a plenum.**

**CODE SECTION:**   *Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code, Section C404.1*

**CODE EDITION:**   2004 Edition of the *Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code*.

**DATE:**             Revised October 1, 2006

**QUESTION:** Can gas piping be installed in areas above a ceiling which is being used as a return air plenum?

**ANSWER:** Yes. The installation of gas piping is allowed in concealed spaces, when these space are used as return air plenums. Gas piping is often installed in return air plenums above a suspended ceiling with no history of problems. Plenums, by definition, are air compartments or chambers to which one or more ducts are connected. Although plenums are not considered ducts, they are part of the “duct system”.