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Subject: Two-Way Cleanout Fittings

Question: In Section 707.4, Exception 4, Two-way cleanout fittings may be installed at the connection between the building drain and the building sewer. If the two-way cleanout is too deep or the riser is offset it would be difficult to tell which way a pipe cleaning snake would be going. Are there any limitations intended for the depth or riser offsets for two-way cleanouts?

Answer: Yes, this section of code has been interpreted by the State Plumbing Board to limit the riser to a length of 3 feet with no offsets allowed.

Analysis: The plumbing board reviewed this code provision in 1997 and determined that the two-way cleanout cannot be used properly without setting reasonable limitations. Without the limitations on the depth or offsets in the riser pipe the cleanout would not be functional for cleaning the piping system.

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