



STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 98-07

CODE: 1997 Washington State Uniform Mechanical Code

SECTION: Section 1312.18

QUESTION: The wording of the new law requires that copper tubing carrying fuel gas shall be identified by yellow labels marked "Fuel Gas" at intervals not exceeding 12 inches throughout the length of the tube. The product I am inquiring about is continuously identified by yellow polyethylene extruded coating and has line markings at 24-inch intervals containing the wording "GAS/FUEL." Will this product meet the requirements of the code?

ANSWER: Yes, this product meets the requirements of the code. The yellow coating is continuous on the pipe. The black text labeling is approximately 15 inches long, so at 24-inch on center intervals "GAS/FUEL" is identified, leaving approximately 7.5 to 8 inches of blank space between the beginning and end of each text section.

Since "GAS/FUEL" is part of the 15-inch text label, there will always be a portion of the label at the 12-inch required intervals. There are no requirements in Section 1312.18 for "Fuel Gas" to be placed 12 inches on center of the text portion of the label. The inscription "GAS/FUEL" means the same as "Fuel Gas."

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Renton

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