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Inspection of Gas Piping Installations

There have been reports that some local governments responsible for code enforcement have not been conducting or otherwise providing for inspections of gas piping and vent installations, as well as installation of gas-fired appliances. These installations must be approved as part of the permitting and inspection process, as provided for in Part 1203, minimum standards for administration and enforcement of the uniform code. Specifically, section 1203.3(b)(2)(v) requires inspections of building systems, including underground and rough-ins.

While it is a standard practice for code officials to accept electrical inspection certifications, a different situation prevails with regard to gas installations. Unlike electrical installations and associated inspections, there are generally not independent third party inspection agencies, which are not associated with either the installer or the public utility providing supplies or transport of natural gas or LP-gas. Therefore, the required inspections must be performed by the code enforcement official, or an entity that provides the principal part of an administration and enforcement program. Relying on the utility provider for the inspection or the self certification from the installation contractor is an unacceptable practice.

If necessary to fulfill this responsibility, local governments should adjust their provisions for inspections at appropriate intervals. In addition to distribution piping rough-in, there should be provisions for inspection of gas vents and the installation of appliances. Special attention should be paid when corrugated stainless steel tubing is utilized for gas distribution, as described on the Division's website, at <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/code/CSST.htm>.

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