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Proposed State Regulations

Proposed new language appears as underline (example) and proposed deletions appear as strikeout (~~example~~). Existing language appears as plain text. Three dots or “...” represents the substance of the regulations that exists between the proposed language and current language.

Section 1601. Scope.

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(h) Plumbing fittings, which are showerheads, lavatory faucets, kitchen faucets that are consumer products, metering faucets, replacement aerators, wash fountains, tub spout diverters, public lavatory faucets, and commercial pre-rinse spray valves.

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Section 1604. Test Methods for Specific Appliances.

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(h) Plumbing Fittings.

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(2) The test methods for showerheads are:

(A) **Maximum flow rate test.** The test method for determining maximum flow rate of a showerhead is 10 C.F.R. section 430.23(~~s~~) (Appendix S to Subpart B of Part 430).

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(3) The test method for ~~other plumbing fittings~~ faucets, replacement aerators, and wash fountains is 10 C.F.R. section 430.23(s) (Appendix S to Subpart B of part 430).

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(5) The leakage rate test method for tub spout diverters is section 7.4.2 of ASME A112.18.1M-1996. A cycle of diverting is per Section 7.4.3 of ASME A112.18.1M-1996. Leakage rate shall be measured at 20 psi and 60 psi. The new leakage rates shall be reported as the highest measured leakage rate when new. The 15,000 cycles leakage rate shall be reported as the highest measured leakage rate when the tub spout diverter has completed 15,000 cycles.

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The following documents are incorporated by reference in Section 1604.

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ASME A112.18.1M-1996

Plumbing Fixture Fittings

(i) Plumbing Fixtures.

The test methods for plumbing fixtures are:

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(3) **Waste Extraction Test for Water closets.** The waste extraction test for water closets is (Section 7.10) of ASME A112.19.2/CSA B45.1-2013.

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Note: Authority cited: Sections 25213, 25218(e), 25402(a)-25402(c) and 25960, Public Resources Code; and sections 16, 26 and 30, Governor's Exec. Order No. B-29-15 (April 1, 2015). Reference: Sections 25216.5(d), 25402(a)-25402(c) and 25960, Public Resources Code; and section 16, Governor's Exec. Order No. B-29-15 (April 1, 2015).

Section 1605.3. State Standards for Non-federally-Regulated Appliances.

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(h) Plumbing Fittings.

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(5) **Showerheads.** The flow rate of showerheads shall be not greater than the applicable values shown in Table H-5.

Table H-5: Standards for Showerheads

<i>Appliance</i>	<i>Maximum Flow Rate</i>		
	Manufactured on or after January 1, 1994 and prior to July 1, 2016	Manufactured on or after July 1, 2016 and prior to July 1, 2018	Manufactured on or after July 1, 2018
Showerheads	2.5 gpm at 80 psi	2.0 gpm at 80 psi ^{1,2,3}	1.8 gpm at 80 psi ^{1,2,3}
<p>¹ The maximum flow rate shall be the highest value obtained through testing at a flowing pressure of 80 ± 1 psi and shall not exceed the maximum flow rate in Table H-5.</p> <p>² Minimum flow rate. The minimum flow rate, determined through testing at a flowing pressure of 20 ± 1 psi, shall be not be less than 60 percent of the <u>measured</u> maximum flow rate at 80-psi in Table H-5. The minimum flow rate determined through testing at flowing pressures of 45 and 80 ± 1 psi shall be not be less than 75 percent of the <u>measured</u> maximum flow rate at 80 psi in Table H-5.</p> <p>³ Showerheads with multiple nozzles. The total flow rate of showerheads with multiple nozzles must be less than or equal to the maximum flow rate in Table H-5 when any or all nozzles are in use at the same time.</p>			

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