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Section 403.3

Question:

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code-Energy Conservation, Section 403.3 to require residential condensate drain lines to be considered part of "mechanical system piping" and required to be insulated to a minimum R- 3?

Answer

No, The section referenced in this request deals with Energy Efficiency. A/C Condensate drain piping insulation has nothing to do with maintaining or improving the overall energy efficiency of the building or system. Therefore the energy code requirements would not be applicable to the situation you have inquired about.

Commentary:

The mechanical code adequately cover the requirements for condensate drain insulation.

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