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Section 307.2.3

Question:

Is it the intent of 307.2.3 (4), which was reserved in 2010, to no longer require secondary drain pans?

Answer

Yes. Method 1 uses the auxiliary drain pan as one of 4 secondary protection methods. Method 4 eliminates the need for the auxiliary drain pan by installing the water level detection device in the primary drain line, the overflow drain line, or in the equipment-supplied drain pan. Method 2 also allows installation without the auxiliary pan by installing the overflow drain line at a higher level than the primary drain connection and discharging at a conspicuous point to alert the occupants.

Any of the methods addressed are acceptable as the purpose is to ensure condensate can be safely disposed of, alerting the occupants to potential problems and/or shutting down the unit in the event of a primary failure to prevent damage.

Commentary:

None

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