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Section 501.4

Question:

is it the intent of this section to prohibit the placement of tankless water heaters above a lay-in acoustical ceiling?

Answer

No. A removable acoustic ceiling tile qualifies as an "access panel". They are easily removable to provide access to tankless water heaters located above such ceilings. It has been common practice to permit valves above acoustical ceilings.

Commentary:

None

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