



Date: December 11, 2013

To: Homebuilders, Plumbers, Plumbing Supply Houses, Industry Personnel

From: Steve O'Neal, Chief Building Official 
Garett Nelson, Fire Marshal 

Subject: Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST) Installations

On September 17, 2012, the Chief Building Official and Fire Marshal of the City of Lubbock jointly issued a moratorium on new fuel gas piping installations involving the use of non-conductive (yellow) jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) as otherwise set forth in section G2414.5.3 of the 2009 International Residential Code and Section 403.5.4 of the 2009 International Fuel Gas Code. The moratorium extended to any use of the product, whether for repairs, additions, alterations, or new construction. This was done due to a history of fire incidents within the City of Lubbock involving installations of corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) that were damaged as a result of lightning events. This moratorium remains in effect.

The original September 17, 2012 moratorium was not extended to the "improved" versions of the CSST products, advertised as "lightning-resistant", and normally provided with a black-colored, electrically conductive jacket.

Effective December 12, 2013, the moratorium is extended to all varieties of CSST materials, regardless of design or jacket color. This moratorium will be applicable to any use of the product, whether for repairs, additions, alterations, or new construction undertaken on or after the effective date. Projects underway prior to December 12 will be handled on a case-by-case basis; however, no installations of CSST will be approved after January 1, 2014, regardless of permit date.

Questions regarding this order may be directed to the Fire Marshal at (806) 775-2646. Technical questions may be directed to the Chief Building Official at (806) 775-2087.