

**STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO: I-14-09**

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**RE: I-14-09**

The following is offered in response to your email in which you seek a formal interpretation. This question would apply to Section 410.1, of the 2003 International Plumbing Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code.

Question:

“Is it the intent of CT Plumbing Code 2005 Section 410.1 to allow the use of water coolers that conform to ARI 1010 2002 and NSF 61, Section 9, to be substituted for not more than 50 percent of the required drinking fountains?”

Answer:

Yes, Section 410.1, of the 2003 International Plumbing Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code, requires water coolers to conform to the above mentioned standards but states that “bottled water dispensers” are allowed to substitute for more than 50 percent of the required drinking fountains. This has been clarified within the 2006 Edition of the International Plumbing Code where they, in Section 410.1, have inserted the words “water cooler” along with bottled water to substitute for 50 percent of the required drinking fountains.