



STATE OF WASHINGTON

## STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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### STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 03-02

**CODE:** 2000 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)

**SECTION:** 603.3.3, Backflow Assembly Testing.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Was it the intent of the Council that the building department monitor and track the annual testing of backflow assemblies required by the UPC? If not, how is the term “the Administrative Authority shall ensure” to be administered?
2. Was it the intent of the Council to apply the annual testing to existing backflow assemblies installed prior to the effective date of this state amendment?

**ANSWERS:**

1. **The intent was the Administrative Authority develop a method to ensure annual testing of backflow assemblies. Monitoring and tracking would satisfy the requirement.**
2. **Work permitted prior to the adoption of a new code is vested under the code in effect at the time of installation.**

**SUPERSEDES:** None

**REQUESTED BY:** Snohomish County