

Notice of Change to California Law: No Lead Brass to be Used in Public Water Systems

Due to changes in California State law as enacted in Assembly Bill (AB) – 1953, the State of California is requiring that No-lead brass be used in the construction of a public water system by January 1, 2010.

http://www.fordmeterbox.com/nolead/AB_1953_Chaptered_Legislation.pdf

Because of these changes to State law, Agencies operating under the Water Agency Standards Agreement (WAS) will not allow leaded brass to be installed in the construction of public water systems starting on January 1, 2010 in accordance with State law.

Since this requirement, AB-1953, will be in affect, the WAS Agencies advise contractors and suppliers at this time to begin depleting their on-hand stock of leaded brass and begin restocking as needed with No-lead brass. As of January 1, 2010 there shall be no exceptions granted for leaded brass in public water systems within WAS Agencies. Please see selected quotes below in regards to AB – 1953.

“THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 116875 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

- a) *No person shall use any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting or fixture, solder, or flux that is not lead free in the installation or repair of any public water system or any plumbing in a facility providing water for human consumption, except when necessary for the repair of leaded joints of cast iron pipes.*

- b) *No person shall introduce into commerce any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting, or fixture, that is not lead free,”*