

Inspection and testing of internal property plumbing in dual pipe developments



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* This is an addendum to EPA publication 1015.1 *Dual pipe water recycling schemes – health and environmental risk management (Guidelines for environmental management)* issued February, 2015.

This information replaces the inspection and testing requirements for internal plumbing connections contained in Section 6.2 of the *Guidelines for environmental management: Dual pipe water recycling schemes – health and environmental risk management* (EPA Publication 1015).

From 1 July 2015, Scheme Managers will assume the responsibility for undertaking inspections of new dual pipe recycled water connections to achieve the objective of drinking water supply protection and prevention of recycled water consumption by property occupants.

This should include the development and implementation of a risk based approach that adequately manages health risks to individual property occupants by the prevention of internal plumbing cross-connections between drinking water and recycled water systems at initial property construction. For further information and guidance on inspection, testing and auditing, the following reference document may be of use:

Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health and Environmental Risk (Phase 1)
(NRMCC, EPHC and AHMC 2006) (available from www.ephc.gov.au)

Note: In the transition phase of these new inspection arrangements, from 13 April 2015, the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) will undertake one inspection at the 'commissioning' stage for every new recycled water connection. From 1 July 2015, VBA will move to risk based audits of domestic recycled water connections, as part of its general regulatory role.

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