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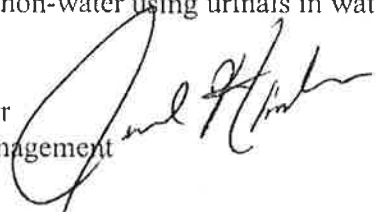
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Guidance on inclusion of non-water using urinals in water efficiency incentive programs

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TO: WaterSense Program Partners

Because WaterSense has no basis to propose improvements to existing national standards designed to ensure a high level of performance for non-water urinals, EPA has chosen not to use its limited funding to develop a specification for this sub-category of high-efficiency urinals at this time.

However, as noted in the supporting statement which accompanied the WaterSense Specification for Flushing Urinals, "non-water urinals, by design, are inherently water-efficient." It is not the intent of the WaterSense program to place these products at any disadvantage in the marketplace or in their eligibility for water conservation incentives, purchasing guidelines, or specifications.

EPA recognizes that non-water urinals which meet the applicable ANSI and ASME standards are inherently water-efficient. Decision-makers should consider including non-water urinals as equally eligible for the same rebates, tax incentives, procurement guidelines, and other conservation incentives as WaterSense labeled products. The existence of the WaterSense Specification for Flushing Urinals should not interfere with either the inclusion or the participation of non-water urinals in such programs.

If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Blette, Chief, WaterSense Branch at 202-564-4094 or blette.veronica@epa.gov. For more information about the WaterSense program, please visit our web site at www.epa.gov/watersense.