10A NCAC 14J .1218 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

10A NCAC 14J .1218 PLUMBING SYSTEMS

(a) Each jail shall have a plumbing system that complies with the Commission for Public Health Rules 15A NCAC 18A, Section .1500 and the North Carolina State Building Code, Plumbing Code, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments and editions of the referenced materials. A copy of 15A NCAC 18A, Section .1500 can be obtained free of charge from the State Division of Health Services, Environmental Health Section, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-7687. A copy of the North Carolina State Building Code, Plumbing Code (Volume II of the North Carolina State Building Code) can be obtained for twenty-five dollars ($25.00) from the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Post Office Box 26387, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

(b) (a) Each jail shall have a hot water supply for lavatories and showers designed to meet the usual needs of the number of inmates confined in the jail, as determined by the governing body. The hot water temperature at lavatories and showers used by inmates shall be maintained at a minimum of 100 degrees F (38 degrees C) and shall not exceed 116 degrees F (46.7 degrees C).

(c) (b) The master control valves for the plumbing system shall be located outside the confinement units and shall be accessible to officers during an emergency. A jail shall not locate the following valves of the water supply system in rooms or areas accessible by inmates:

   (1) a shut-off valve for a supply branch line serving plumbing fixtures;
   (2) a shut-off valve for a riser pipe serving plumbing fixtures; and
   (3) a shut-off valve to a plumbing fixture.

(c) The shut-off valves listed in Paragraph (b) of this Rule shall be accessible to officers.

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