

Notice and Disclosure for Polybutylene Piping

Many homes built between January 1, 1978 and July 31, 1995 have polybutylene pipes. Some insurance companies are either not insuring, or charging increased premiums for homes found to have polybutylene pipes. It is important for you as the buyer to talk to your home inspector to determine if your new home has polybutylene piping.

By signing below, I affirm that I have read and understand the following information regarding the risks involved with purchasing a home equipped with polybutylene piping.

What is Polybutylene Piping?

Polybutylene plumbing inside a structure ("PB In-House Plumbing") is a potable water supply system containing polybutylene ("PB") pipe and either acetal (plastic) or metal insert fittings (such as tees and elbows). PB pipe is a non-rigid (sometimes curved) plastic pipe, usually gray (or possibly silver or black). When used in the underground service from the water company to a structure (a "Yard Service Line"), PB pipe is blue, gray, or black. PB pipe is not used for drains, waste, or vent pipe. "PB Plumbing" refers to both PB In-House Plumbing and Yard Service Line. PB Plumbing does not include yard sprinkler systems, irrigation systems, fire sprinkler systems, sewer lines, faucets, or fixtures.

Insert fittings are used to join pieces of PB pipe. The insert fitting is inserted into the pipe and clamped with a metal (aluminum or copper) crimp ring over the outside of the pipe. Metal insert fittings are either copper or brass. Acetal insert fittings are hard gray or white plastic. They are not black. Insert fittings are not grabber, flare, or compression fittings, which are often threaded and use a plastic or metal nut to secure the seal.

A class action lawsuit has been filed regarding PB Piping. Plaintiff Tina M. Cox and others (the "Plaintiffs") brought the Lawsuit alleging that, among other things, Shell Oil Company and Hoechst Celanese Corporation (the "Defendants") supplied raw materials used by other entities in the manufacture of polybutylene plumbing. The Plaintiffs further alleged that this plumbing is defective. In the Lawsuit the Plaintiffs sought money damages for, among other things, the cost of replacing plumbing systems and repairing property damage associated with leaks. The Defendants denied (and still deny) any legal liability relating to polybutylene plumbing. Plaintiffs also deny that any Plaintiff or Class Member is entitled to money damages or other relief from the Defendants. The Court has made no rulings on the merits of the Plaintiffs' claims or of any of the Defendants' defenses.

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For more information about the PB Piping and the class action lawsuit, please visit www.pbpipe.com