



**DATE:** October 1, 2021  
**INTERPRETATION NO.:** CI2021-0006  
**TITLE:** Location of Emergency Shut Off Valve for Gas to Stove Hoods  
**RELATED DEPT. & DIVISION:** Development Services Department  
**TOPIC:** Fire  
**DECISION MAKER:** Beth M. Culver, AIA, CBO, Building Official

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**SUMMARY:** The emergency shut off valve (the Ansul Valve) for gas to equipment under a stove hood may be located above the ceiling.

**CODE SECTIONS:** 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)

- [§1210.3](#)

**CODE INTERPRETATION:**

The valve is required to be installed in accessible locations which may include the removal of a ceiling tile to gain access.

Section 203.0 of the 2015 UPC defines “accessible” as the following: “Accessible – Where applied to a fixture, connection, appliance, or equipment, “accessible” means having access thereto, but which first may require the removal of an access panel, door, or similar obstruction.”

Such unions, valves, and regulators shall be located in such a way as to gain access for maintenance or removal. Such access shall not constitute the removal of any other building system or permanent construction.

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Beth M. Culver, AIA, CBO, Building Official

*This interpretation was previously approved as CI2014-0004 by Dan McNabb, Deputy Building Official.*