



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

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Ms. Joan R. Cones
AccuTemp Products, Inc.
12004 Lincoln Highway East
New Haven, IN 46771

Re: Accu-Temp Steam 'n' Hold

This office is in receipt of your request for waiver dated April 3, 2001, of mechanical ventilation and chemical suppression for your Accu-Temp Steam & Hold steamers as would be required by NFPA 96 and, after review, makes the following observations and determination.

The Accu-Temp Steam 'n' Hold is a counter-top type steamer for cooking. In a vacuum, this process allows cooking temperatures to be lower than would normally be incurred in a standard steam cooking appliance. Additionally, you document that the maximum temperature will not exceed 212 degrees.

This office has previously determined that steam kettles that do not operate at temperatures above 350 degrees are not required to be protected by a suppression system where

1. Use is limited to steaming only
2. The device is used with the covers on and/or in a closed fashion
3. The devices are not used in a manner that would create/produce grease laden vapors.

Please be advised that this office will allow this appliance to be installed in this state without the ventilation and suppressions systems required by NFPA 96, provided that upon future inspections of the installations and facilities, the surrounding walls and ceilings are found to be grease free.

Please be advised the above determination is the opinion of this office based on a review of your request for appeal and the requirements of the adopted codes and regulations. This determination shall remain valid as long as the provisions of this determination are provided and maintained.

If you should have further questions or need additional clarifications, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

V. J. Bella,
State Fire Marshal

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cc: Mark Gates
John Laudun
All District Offices
Plan Review Staff

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