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(WITH CHINESE TRANSLATION)

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Dear Sir,

**Installation of Unvented Thermal
Storage Type Water Heaters**

Not infrequently it is found that storage type water heaters have been installed without the provision of vent pipes as required by Waterworks Regulations.

This contravention gives cause for extreme concern on account of the serious potential hazard it poses. I wish to remind you, therefore, that it is your responsibility to adhere strictly to requirements and to ensure that a vent pipe is provided whenever a thermal storage type water heater is installed and in this regard your attention is drawn to the fact that in no circumstances should a safety valve, an air valve or a pressure relief valve be taken as a substitute or replacement for a vent pipe for this type of water heater. Control valves must not be installed on the vent pipes provided.

I would further like to solicit the assistance of all Licensed Plumbers to report to this Authority the existence of any unvented water storage heater discovered in the course of work so that action can be taken to effect rectification.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

(M.S. HU)
for Water Authority

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