

SEATTLE / KING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH  
Community Environmental Health  
Plumbing / Gas Piping Inspections

**DECISIONS / INTERPRETATIONS  
of the Chief Plumbing Inspector**

**Date:** July 6, 2004

**Decision No.** 04-011

**Subject:** Underground piping.

**Code / Section:** 314.3 and 315.4

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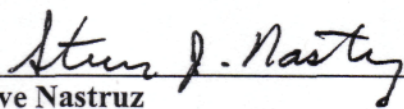
**Decision.**

All piping installed under ground shall adhere to the requirements of 314.3 and 315.4. A rock larger than  $>3/4"$  would be considered a stone. Dirt used for backfill and bedding should be strained to filter any stones. Crushed rock  $3/4"<$  and pea gravel would be acceptable.

**Background.**

An inspection does not routinely include verifying backfill material and method. The inspection report should indicate that the backfill is subject to code. In spot checks or on follow up inspections, if the requirements have been ignored, the inspector has the authorization to call for a correction.

**Effective Date:** July 9, 2004

  
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