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Dear Mr. Morain:

Your letter of March 4, 1988, questions the effect of Amendment 192-58 (relating to the revised wording of §192.191, Design of plastic fittings) on mechanical fittings. The references to the ASTM D2512 code in §192.181(b) was not intended to imply that mechanical fittings must meet that code. This code applies to plastic fittings that are joined to plastic pipe by heat fusion, solvent cement, or other non-mechanical means.

Material requirements for mechanical fittings intended for use with plastic pipe would be covered by the requirements of §192.53, General, paragraph (a) and (b). Other design requirements that would apply to these fittings would include §§192.273(a) and 192.281(e).

Sincerely,

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