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To: All Architects, Builders, Developers, Engineers, and Surveyors Practicing in Fairfax Water Service Areas

Subject: Updates to Fairfax Water Design Practice Manual

The Fairfax Water Design Practice Manual (DPM) was updated with changes effective as of September 4, 2025. The latest version is available on the Fairfax Water website at www.fairfaxwater.org.

The DPM outlines the design and technical requirements for preparing and reviewing construction documents related to Fairfax Water facilities. Key updates in this revision include:

- **Cross-Connections Section Update:**

For all federal, state, or secure facilities, a high hazard Reduced Pressure Principle (RP) Backflow Assembly must now be installed on the service line, outside the building, in an above-ground heated enclosure, as close to the service connection as possible. This installation is at the owner's expense.

In addition to this change, several minor editorial updates and clarifications have been made throughout the document.

Please refer to the Fairfax Water website to access the current version of the Design Practice Manual and ensure compliance with the latest requirements.

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