Interpretation:
The Plumbing Code addresses soil and waste piping installed above food preparation areas and states, “such piping shall be protected against leakage or condensation.” The Health District has a written directive that addresses the type of protection that shall be used in these areas. To better coordinate between the two agencies, the Inspection Division shall inspect these specific areas and piping installations therein in the following manner:

Field Application:
The Inspection Division shall inspect the installation of soil and waste lines above food preparation areas with the existing Health Department’s Equipment and Facilities General Requirement, sub-section Equipment Installation #18.

- Overhead Waste Lines: Soil and waste lines cannot be installed over food preparation, storage, or equipment and utensil cleaning areas, or over food receiving areas, transport corridors or routes, unless separated by the floor immediately above or acceptable means approved by the Health Authority (i.e., metal troughs which drain to a floor sink). Vacuum evacuation system lines are not considered overhead waste lines.