

**From:** [City of Ocala - Contracting Officer](#)  
**To:** [Mary Ann St. Laurent](#); [Corrin M. Fitsemons](#); [Daphne Robinson](#)  
**Subject:** Your policy exception has been approved.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:46:51 PM

## Your policy exception has been **approved**.

**Approval Comments:** The standardization of air release valves (ARVs) to stainless steel Vent-O-Mat (primary) and H-Tech (secondary) is approved. Per Richard Knight, Water Resources (WRS) is replacing their failing poly material ARVs with stainless steel because the poly material is degrading and becoming brittle with prolonged exposure to sewer gas, and they are costly to repair. WRS staff has tested valves and two stainless steel units are currently installed in our system. There are approximately 150 Vent-O-Mat and 100 H-Tec ARVs installed. The Vent-O-Mat ARVs are the most compact of the stainless steel units and have low-cost, simple repairs. The H-Tec ARVs are utilized as an equivalent if the Vent-O-Mat ARVs are not available, they have the same functions and materials, but are less compact. These stainless steel ARVs also help protect WRS staff by trapping debris where they will not come into contact with possible hazardous objects when completing repairs. PLEASE ENTER A MUNIS CONTRACT AND REQUISITION WITH APPROVAL ATTACHED SO A PURCHASE ORDER CAN BE GENERATED WHICH CONTAINS THE CITY'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS. IF THE EXPENDITURE EXCEEDS \$50,000, CALENDAR FOR CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL.



### Procurement/Contract/P-Card Exception

Select exception type:

Procurement

Reason for procurement exception:

Standardization

Enter a brief description of your exception request:

WRS is requesting to stock and standardize an air release valve (ARV) for the forces main within our system. They would like to stock this unit for easy access when needed for replacement of failed unit. The current ARVs are made of a poly material and are beginning to fail through out our system and are costly to repair and sometimes not repairable. Standardization is requested for these reasons. The unit is stainless steel with a longer life spa and are the most compact of the units tested for overall better installation scenarios. They also only have a single piece installation for repairs if needed with the cost of that single part lower than other models with multiple parts needed for repair.

Attach all documents related to the exception that can assist the Contracting Officer's decision.

[Request To Stock ARV.doc](#)  
[Vent O mt ARV Drawing.pdf](#)

**Department**

(WHS) WAREHOUSE

**Requestor Name**

Mary Ann St Laurent

**Requestor Email**

mstlaurent@ocalafl.org

**Phone number**

(352) 351-6705

**Courtesy Copy Email 1**

sferrante@ocalafl.org

**Courtesy Copy Email 2**

mbrooks@ocalafl.org

**Who authorized requesting this exception?**

Mary Ann St Laurent