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### **IAPMO Publishes Manual of Recommended Construction Practices for Potable Water**

**Ontario, Calif. (March 20, 2024)** — The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®) and the Construction Practices for Potable Water Task Group are pleased to announce the release of the publication titled the *Manual of Recommended Construction Practices for Potable Water*.

This manual provides education and guidance to help plumbing professionals responsible for the design, construction and commissioning of water systems to reduce the potential of contaminating plumbing systems during construction. If unmanaged, construction and commissioning activities contribute to the growth and spread of opportunistic premise plumbing pathogens (OPPPs) in potable and non-potable building water systems. The publication includes a bonus Water Quality Manual produced by the Environmental Science, Policy and Research Institute (ESPRI)/IAPMO.

On Sept. 15, 2021, IAPMO initiated the task group to create a manual to provide code enhanced and adoptable language for construction use, related to potable water piping systems and water safety management during the construction phase. The task group consisted of more than 30 industry experts from across the nation, focused on actionable guidance and construction best practices surrounding potable water.

“We are excited to provide the *Manual of Recommended Construction Practices for Potable Water* to the plumbing industry, furthering the cause of water safety,” said IAPMO Vice President of Technical Services and Research Christoph Lohr, PE. “This document helps fill the void in the water quality-plumbing nexus and is an important step in making water safety practical and actionable for plumbing professionals. Special thanks to all the volunteers and IAPMO staff for their effort on this manual.”

The IAPMO manual may be downloaded for free at:

[https://iapmo.org/media/32296/construction\\_practices\\_for\\_potable\\_water\\_manual.pdf](https://iapmo.org/media/32296/construction_practices_for_potable_water_manual.pdf)

#### **ABOUT IAPMO**

Founded in 1926, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials is a global leader in providing uniform codes for the plumbing and mechanical industry. IAPMO protects health and safety, supports sustainability and emerging technology, and delivers code education.

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