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IAPMO Takes World Plumbing Day Message to Intermediate School Students

Intermediate school Social Studies teachers nationwide will be encouraged to devote a portion of their March 11 lesson plan to discussing with their students the historical, present and future implications of plumbing and sanitation. As a way of promoting the second annual World Plumbing Day, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) will partner with American educators to help students understand how "Plumbing Moves Society Forward."

The World Plumbing Council (WPC) last year established March 11 as World Plumbing Day, an annual celebration to promote appreciation of the plumbing industry's vital work on behalf of the planet and its people. The event aims to help the general public better understand how the plumbing industry protects the public's health and safety, demonstrate the extent to which it works to limit mankind's environmental footprint and to illuminate other important work performed by contractors, inspectors, installers, engineers, manufacturers and academicians that is often taken for granted.

IAPMO, publisher of the American National Standard designated *Uniform Plumbing Code*®, continues its enthusiastic support of World Plumbing Day in 2011 by developing a Social Studies themed lesson plan and administering a poster designing contest for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Each eligible student who submits a World Plumbing Day poster conceptualizing their interpretation on the theme "Plumbing Moves Society Forward" will be entered into a drawing to win one of three iPod Touch portable media devices compliments of IAPMO.

The curriculum includes an introductory video, discussion guidelines and plumbing fact sheets furnished by the WPC that demonstrate clearly the health, environmental and societal benefits of safe, sanitary plumbing systems.

"When you compare a nation like the United States to a developing country such as India, sanitation represents a major discrepancy and it is one that touches every aspect of life in either case," said Dan Daniels, president of IAPMO. "It's a perfect topic for Social Studies curriculum and what better time to discuss it than World Plumbing Day?"

Video links, class outlines, information sheets and other relevant information are available to download in .pdf file format at www.iapmo.org/Pages/WorldPlumbingDayContest.aspx. Additional information about World Plumbing Day, including a list of other planned events, can be found at www.worldplumbingday.org.

The World Plumbing Council and IAPMO encourage everybody, plumbing professional or not, to participate in the celebration each year.

"Few innovations throughout history have influenced society as profoundly as sanitary plumbing," said Gaby Davis, senior director of Worldwide Operations for IAPMO. "World Plumbing Day gives everyone an opportunity to consider, even for just a moment, how life-changing that contribution has been. IAPMO is thrilled to help promote that moment of recognition in hopes it might grow into our daily consciousness."

For more information on IAPMO's participation in World Plumbing Day, direct your Web browser to www.iapmo.org or contact Gaby Davis at (909) 472-4203 or gaby.davis@iapmo.org.

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IAPMO Standards Council Issues TIAs

The IAPMO Standards Council on Jan. 7 issued Tentative Interim Amendments affecting the 2006, 2009 and 2012 editions of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and the Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC).

TIAs UPC-009-09 and UPC-033-06 replace code language related to the purging of gas in Section 1214.6 of the 2009 and 2006 UPC, respectively. The Standards Council similarly voted favorably to approve TIAs UMC-006-09 and UMC-022-06 replacing code language related to the purging of gas in Section 1316.6 of the 2009 UMC and Section 1314.7 of the 2006 UMC, respectively.

These TIAs address the hazards involved in the common industry practice of indoor gas purging at industrial, commercial and public facilities by requiring the discharge of purged gases to be directed outdoors and identifies specific requirements that must be met during the purging process. Specific requirements include:

1. The point of discharge shall be controlled with a shutoff valve.
2. Discharge point shall be not less than 10 feet from sources of ignition, located not less than 10 feet from building openings and not less than 25 feet from mechanical air intake openings.
3. During discharge, the open discharge point shall be attended and monitored with a combustible gas indicator.
4. Purging operations introducing fuel gas shall be stopped when 90 percent fuel gas by volume is detected within the pipe at the point of discharge.
5. All persons not involved in the purging operations shall be evacuated from the area within 10 feet of the point of discharge.

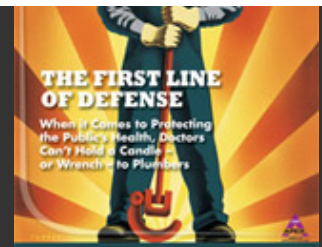
To examine TIAs UPC-009-09, UPC-033-06, UMC-006-09 and UMC-022-06 in their entirety, and/or any other TIAs affecting the Uniform Codes, please direct your Web browser to <http://www.iapmo.org/Pages/TIADecisions.aspx>.

TIAs are proposals based on the determination of an emergency nature requiring prompt action to amend code that contains an error or omission that was overlooked during the regular code development process, contains a conflict within the document or with another IAPMO document, or to correct a hazard, promote an advancement in safeguarding the public or provide an opportunity to correct an adverse impact on a product or method of installation.

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IAPMO R&T Leads the Way in Low-Lead Certification Services to Comply With Newly Signed Federal Law

The market for low-lead plumbing products has gotten another boost with President Obama's signing of the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act, and manufacturers soon will face the challenge of ensuring their customers know that their wares meet these stricter requirements. Although this new law does not require products be listed by a certification agency, IAPMO R&T has been and remains available to help manufacturers prepare and/or certify their products to this new requirement, as the



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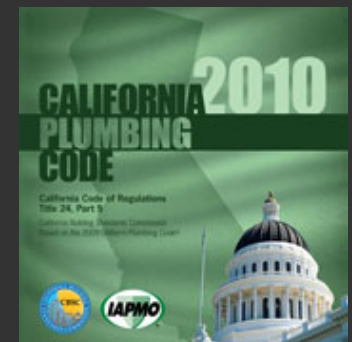
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effective date is slated for January 2014.

These new requirements laid out in the newly signed legislation, S. 3874, closely mirror similar guidelines that California adopted in 2006 and became mandatory on Jan. 1, 2010. Just as was done in California and other states that have adopted similar measures, IAPMO R&T stands ready to provide certification services that will result in demonstrating compliance with S. 3874, which reduces the weighted average amount of lead content that is acceptable in plumbing products carrying drinking water to a maximum of 0.25 percent.

Introduced in the U.S. Congress by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif., the legislation includes a formula for measuring the weighted average lead content of a pipe, pipe fitting, plumbing fitting or fixture. In addition to the 0.25 percent lead limit on wetted surface areas of fixtures, the law sets the benchmark for solder and flux at 0.2 percent.

Since 1936, IAPMO R&T has been a trusted name among manufacturers for being ahead of the curve when it comes to helping them prepare for and adapt to the ever-changing legislative demands placed on products that come into contact with drinking water. IAPMO R&T was among the first bodies to certify products to California's low-lead law and now offers a service that covers this new federal law, along with California's lead law and other states' requirements. This will benefit manufacturers, as their clients and inspectors can look at one listing certificate to confirm compliance.

"IAPMO R&T has been at the forefront of low-lead certification bodies, having offered the service in California prior to its inception," said Charles Gross, director of Global Sales for IAPMO R&T. "When it comes to something as crucial as product certification, choosing a fully accredited, widely respected organization such as IAPMO R&T is an obvious choice."

Manufacturers can request more information on the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act by contacting Charles Gross at (909) 472-4136 or charles.gross@iapmort.org. For more information on this and other services provided by IAPMO R&T, please visit www.iapmort.org.

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IAPMO-India Tabs Lt. General Sree Kumar to Lead Operations

Retired Lt. General Sree Kumar, formerly the second-highest ranking officer in the Indian Army, has joined IAPMO Plumbing Codes and Standards India Private Limited (IAPMO-India) as Director General of The IAPMO Group's operations in India. Kumar will coordinate IAPMO-India's work with industry partners to build and strengthen a new 21st century plumbing industry on behalf of the world's second-largest population.

A 42 year veteran of the Indian Army, Kumar rose to national prominence through his service, concluding his military career as Signal Officer in Chief of the Indian Army, where he commanded approximately 100,000 domestic troops and oversaw strategic planning of operations, communications, information technology and cyber security aspects of the Indian Army. In addition to his distinguished military career, Kumar holds master's degrees in philosophy, business administration and science from three unique universities, as well as a bachelor of technology in communications.

"With great honor and pleasure I am thrilled to join the IAPMO-India team and bring my unique world experiences to this important work for India," Kumar said. "I look forward to joining an already excellent staff as I embark on an interesting, challenging, and rewarding new career with an outstanding organization."

As Director General of IAPMO-India, Kumar will manage Director of Plumbing Subhash Deshpande, Director of Mechanical Abdul Matheen and additional staff at IAPMO-India's offices in Bengaluru and Pune. Incorporated in 2007, IAPMO-India administrates the Uniform Plumbing Code – India, developed in cooperation with the Indian Plumbing Association (IPA) to achieve the nationwide goal of "Better Plumbing for Better Living." To that end, IAPMO-India has developed educational programs now offered throughout India at many of the nation's top universities as well as the Plumbing Education to Employment Program (PEEP) to prepare multiple levels of professional plumbers in India.

Furthermore, IAPMO-India is working with the Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE) toward the development of the Uniform Mechanical Code – India, and with IPA established GreenPlumbers India, an innovative national training and accreditation program designed to assist Indian plumbing contractors/engineers in understanding their role in environmental conservation and public health.

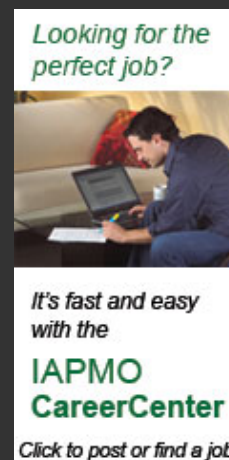
"IAPMO is unique in its service to half the world's population, creating standards that meet public needs and protect health and safety," said Allen Inlow, IAPMO senior director of Business and Product Development. "IAPMO's partnership with IPA has raised the level of plumbing standards to new heights, resulting in the creation of IAPMO-India and furthering the leadership role of the partners. Lt. Gen. Kumar brings unique leadership skills that are a perfect complement to the programs and aspirations of IAPMO, IPA and the new directions within the Indian mechanical industry. I believe he is the right person, at the right time, to assist all the cooperating organizations to maximize all potential

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benefits to the people of India."

Kumar's leadership and reputation will only further strengthen IAPMO-India's partnerships with such industry leaders as IPA, ISHRAE, and the International Institute for Energy Conservation – India (IEEC-India).

"With his vast experience and the respect he commands in the society, I have no doubts that Sree can take IAPMO-India to great heights in the years to come," said Sudhakaran Nair, IPA president. "He can expect total support from me and my colleagues in IPA in taking forward the numerous ambitious initiatives our two organizations have launched in India for the benefit of the Indian plumbing industry."

For more information, direct your Web browser to www.iapmoindia.org.

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Housing Moving to Higher Ground in 2011

Source: NAHB

Housing will see gradual improvements in activity this year as the nation's economy and job market continue to move to higher ground, establishing momentum that will produce more considerable gains in 2012, according to economists who appeared at the NAHB International Builders' Show in Orlando on Jan. 12.

"This year's spring selling season will be better than last year's," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe, with job growth providing a stronger stimulus in the housing market than last year's tax credits for home buyers.

Crowe forecasted 575,000 single-family home starts in 2011, a 21 percent climb over an estimated 475,000 units started in 2010, which in turn showed a 7 percent gain from the 442,000 homes started in 2009.

Multifamily, which is poised to profit from a disproportionate number of Gen Y members moving into the housing market, has seen the bottom of the cycle, he said, and will see its starts rise 16 percent this year to 133,000 units, with a further 53 percent increase in 2012 to 203,000 units.

Builders' access to the credit they need to start new homes remains the fragile component of the NAHB forecast, Crowe said. So far, small builders have experienced extreme difficulty in obtaining financing, and rectifying the situation as soon as possible is the top priority of the association.

More encouraging is a rebound in the confidence of consumers, who mid-2010 "froze in place, faced with a lot of uncertainty," he said. A recent pickup in durable purchases for such items as automobiles and furniture indicates that consumers are less afraid today of losing jobs and income.

The U.S. economy will receive a boost from the massive tax package enacted at the end of last year, he said, including more income going into the pockets of wage earners thanks to a one-year 2 percent reduction in Social Security taxes. This will contribute to the gross domestic product strengthening from the 2.5 percent range to 3.5 percent to 3.8 percent by year's end.

New-home sales, Crowe projected, "will struggle" but begin following employment gains, reaching 405,000 for the year, up from an estimate of about 320,000 for 2010.

The housing recovery will start up slowly this year, he said, because it will be driven by the relatively low housing production Plains states, with Texas the most powerful of the bunch. Traditional bulwarks of housing activity such as California and Florida, on the other hand, will not be among the states whose housing markets recover the fastest.

In addition to stimulative fiscal and monetary policy, Freddie Mac Chief Economist Frank Nothaft said that housing affordability and demographic trends will help support growing housing demand.

Citing research from the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, Nothaft said that households should be growing at an average annual rate of 1.2 million to 1.5 million over the next five to 10 years, suggesting the need for a sharp increase in housing production; half of the 500,000 to 600,000 starts of the past two years were needed just to replace the number of homes being removed from the housing stock.

While there will continue to be supply overhangs in some important large markets, by and large the housing price slump should bottom out by the middle of this year, he said, and price increases are already occurring in some local areas. That should attract prospective buyers who have been procrastinating until they see prices hit bottom.

"Potential buyers who have resources to buy but want to buy at the bottom are likely to start coming

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into the market in the springtime," he said, which for fence sitters will be "the time to come into the market."

Fixed-rate mortgages will move up from their current 4.75 percent to the 5.75 percent range by the end of this year, he forecasted. This will push total single-family mortgage originations down about 30 percent below the 2010 level as refinancings fall sharply in the face of rising mortgage rates.

While a 20 percent increase in housing production in 2011 is good news for housing, to put things in perspective, Nothaft said that this gain is from an extremely low level, with single-family production declining about 80 percent from peak to trough.

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Fewer Oregon Homes Have Complete Plumbing, Census Finds

Thirty-four percent more homes in Oregon lack complete plumbing facilities now than in the year 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and many of those homes are in the state's five most heavily populated counties.

The Oregonian newspaper reported that the Census Bureau's recent release of the American Community Survey, a questionnaire typically filled out by 10 percent of the population at any given time, estimates that 9,397 of 1,464,196 occupied housing units did not have complete plumbing facilities, compared to 7,025 of 1,425,709 homes in 2000.

The Census Bureau defines "complete plumbing facilities" as having hot and cold piped water, a flush toilet and a bathtub or shower.

The survey found 2,355 houses without complete plumbing facilities in Multnomah County, the largest in Oregon, up from 2,252 in 2000, the newspaper reported.

The state's chief plumbing inspector, Terry Swisher, could not explain the increase.

"I have absolutely not a clue," he told the Oregonian.

Swisher's boss, Chris Huntington, manager of policy and technical services for the Oregon's building-codes division, did not have an answer either.

"We really don't have any idea specifically why this increase occurred," he said to the newspaper.

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EPA, Schools To Tackle Indoor Air Quality

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held its 11th Annual Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Tools for Schools National Symposium in Washington, D.C. on January 13-15, 2011. The meeting brought together school board officials, administrators, health association members, school nurses, teachers, parents, and others to take charge in protecting the indoor air environments of children in schools. Nearly 55 million children and approximately 6 million adults spend a significant portion of their days in more than 132,000 public and private school buildings in the United States. Many of these buildings are old, in poor condition, and may have environmental conditions that inhibit learning and pose risks to the health of children and staff.

"Protecting children's health is a top priority for EPA," said Gina McCarthy, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. "School kids, parents and teachers face challenges every day, so EPA designed the Tools for Schools Program to make sure that poor indoor air quality isn't one of them."

Poor indoor air quality in schools can impact the comfort and health of students and staff, which, in turn, can affect concentration, attendance, and student performance. Eight school districts across the country are being recognized at the IAQ Tools for Schools National Symposium for leading the way to improving conditions at their schools and taking action to prevent future IAQ health risks. The symposium focused on a wide range of environmental risks, including radon, mold, pest management, and asthma management.

Here are a few tips schools can take to start improving their indoor air quality:

- Get an IAQ Tools for Schools Action Kit online
- Review the IAQ Coordinator's Guide provided in the IAQ Tools for Schools Action Kit
- Develop an IAQ team and review current IAQ practices in your school
- Develop an IAQ program and encourage good IAQ practices across the school and community
- Test your school for radon

The IAQ Tools for Schools Program, launched in 1995, assists school districts in identifying the actions

they can take to successfully plan and implement an effective IAQ management program.

More information on IAQ Tools for Schools: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/index.html>

More information on the symposium: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/awards.html>

For a list of award winners: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/tfsawards2010.html>

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Secretary Chu Announces Major New Recovery Act Milestone: 300,000 Homes Weatherized

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu on January 19 announced that states and territories across the country have now weatherized more than 300,000 low-income homes under the Recovery Act, a major milestone in the Department's efforts to reduce home energy bills for families. This means that states are now more than 50 percent of the way toward meeting President Obama's goal of weatherizing approximately 600,000 homes under the Recovery Act. The weatherization program is helping families save money on their energy bills by improving home energy efficiency with upgrades like insulation, air-sealing, and more efficient heating and cooling systems. The program has also trained a new generation of clean energy workers and is employing more than 15,000 workers nationwide.

"Today marks a major milestone for the weatherization program and shows once again that we are on pace to meet the goals of the Recovery Act. This program has already benefitted 300,000 low-income families and put thousands of people to work," said Secretary Chu. "Through the weatherization program, we are laying the groundwork for a broader efficiency industry in the U.S. that will help grow our economy while saving money for American families."

Through November, the network of state offices, local agencies, and weatherization providers has completed 300,000 homes. Of the total, more than 100,000 have been completed in just the last four months, showing the dramatically accelerated pace of weatherization under the program. A state-by-state breakdown of the homes weatherized through November is available on the [Energy Efficiency Pillar page](#).

Weatherization assistance reduces energy consumption for low-income families on average 35 percent, saving families on average more than \$400 on their heating and cool bills in the first year alone. Nationwide, the weatherization of 300,000 homes is estimated to save \$161 million in energy costs in just the first year.

DOE has worked closely with state and local governments to ensure the program is well-managed, responsive, and flexible. Nearly all of the states and territories involved in the program have met the milestone of weatherizing more than 30 percent of their targeted number of homes and many have completed more than half of their goals to date.

Read more information on the [Weatherization Assistance Program](#).

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Congratulations to the 81st Conference Survey Drawing Winner!

Bill Laub, Secretary for the Southern Nevada Chapter, is the winner of IAPMO's 81st Annual Education & Business Conference survey drawing.

All those who completed the survey and included their name were entered into the drawing. Bill Laub's name was randomly selected as the winner and he will receive one complimentary conference registration to IAPMO's 82nd Annual Education and Business Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Congratulations Mr. Laub, and thank you to all who participated!

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IAPMO Scholarship Essay Competition: "Why Should Access to Safe, Clean Drinking Water be a Basic Human Right?"

Following up on the resounding success of last year's inaugural competition, IAPMO, a worldwide organization of dedicated professionals striving to make our planet a safer and healthier place in which to live, will again sponsor an essay competition awarding scholarships to five young people affiliated with IAPMO and many of its industry partners.

Participants in this years contest will submit essays expressing their thoughts on "Why Should Access to

Safe, Clean Drinking Water be a Basic Human Right?" As IAPMO's *Uniform Plumbing Code®* serves as the basis of codes that protect one half of the world's population through safe installation and governance of plumbing systems around the globe, the topic chosen by the IAPMO Board of Directors succinctly reflects IAPMO's 84-year-old mission.

"There is no more obvious or pressing need to humankind than that of potable water free of unhealthy contaminants and sickness-inducing pathogens," said Dan Daniels, president of IAPMO. "While this need is obvious, the question of what constitutes a human right seemed like fertile ground in which bright young minds could explore an issue that is integral to IAPMO and our industry."

The competition is open to members – and their children – of IAPMO, ASPE, PHCC, MCAA, the UA and ASSE who are currently enrolled in a high school, community college, trade school, four-year accredited college or university or working in an apprentice program.

Submitted essays must be completely original and a minimum of 1,000 words. The essay entry deadline is June 1, 2011, via e-mail, fax or mail to IAPMO World Headquarters. The winning essay will be announced next September at the 2011 IAPMO Education and Business Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The essay awarded first prize will be published in the award-winning Official magazine and on the IAPMO Website and its author will receive a \$500 scholarship and a one-year paid membership to IAPMO. Second place winner will receive a \$250 scholarship and three third place winners will each receive a \$100 scholarship. All winning essays will also be published in Official, IAPMO's membership magazine, and on the IAPMO Website.

Individuals who meet the qualifications to submit an essay to the competition should include your name, your school's name and yours or your parent's professional affiliation with one of the qualifying trade associations or union locals. All essays should be sent to Ms. Gabriella Davis at IAPMO by e-mail at gaby.davis@iapmo.org; by fax at (909) 472-4222; or by standard mail to her attention at IAPMO, 4755 E. Philadelphia St., Ontario, CA 91761.

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February 12, 2011	Providence, RI	Gasfitters (3 hr course) - Continuing Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Session 3
February 17, 2011	Ontario, CA	2010 California Plumbing and Mechanical - Code Changes
February 18, 2011	Ontario, CA	2010 California Plumbing and Mechanical - Code Changes
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