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**2009 Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform Mechanical Code
Designated as American National Standards**

Ontario, Calif. (March 4, 2009) – The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) announced Tuesday the 2009 editions of the *Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC®)* and *Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC®)*, developed by IAPMO using an ANSI-accredited consensus process and released on March 1, have been awarded designation as American National Standards. This marks the third time the *UPC* and *UMC* have earned the designation; the 2003 and 2006 editions were similarly recognized.

ANSI accreditation signifies that the procedures used by standards setting organizations such as IAPMO meet the Institute's requirements for openness, balance, consensus and due process. This process brings together volunteers representing a variety of viewpoints and interests to achieve consensus on plumbing and mechanical practices. The *UPC* and *UMC* are the only plumbing and mechanical codes of practice to be named American National Standards.

Introduced in Los Angeles in 1928 and formally published as the *Uniform Plumbing Code* in 1945, the *UPC* is developed to govern the installation and inspection of plumbing systems as a means of promoting the public's health, safety and welfare. Later published by IAPMO in 1967, the *UMC* provides the same governance for mechanical (HVAC, combustion, exhaust, refrigeration) systems. Developed and subsequently republished at the conclusion of each three-year code cycle, the *UPC* and *UMC* are designed to provide consumers with safe plumbing, heating and mechanical systems while, at the same time, allowing latitude for innovation and new technologies.

"We are extremely proud to once again have the *UPC* and *UMC* recognized by ANSI in this manner, primarily because this designation reaffirms our true consensus development process and the fact our procedures allow each and every stakeholder a voice and a vote in the final product," said GP Russ Chaney, executive director of IAPMO.

The 2009 *UPC* and *UMC* were formally released on Sunday, completing the third ANSI-accredited development cycle for each code. Key changes to the 2009 *UPC* include new requirements for the installation of nonwater urinals, new requirements for distribution of hot water and updates and revisions to the identification of potable and nonpotable water systems. Key changes to the 2009 *UMC* include new requirements for outdoor air ventilation, new requirements for the protection of mechanical equipment against flood damage and new approved referenced standards for hydronics systems.

IAPMO now looks to gain the ANS designation for its *Uniform Solar Energy Code®* and *Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code®*, with new editions developed for the first time using an ANSI-accredited process due later this year.

The public at large is encouraged and invited to participate in IAPMO's open consensus code development process. A code development timeline and other relevant information are available at IAPMO's Website, www.iapmo.org.

The development cycle for the 2012 *UPC* and *UMC* formally kicks off May 4-5 at IAPMO's annual Technical Committee Meetings at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark in St. Louis, Mo. To find out more about the procedures necessary for participation at the TC Meetings and/or get help registering at the hotel, direct your Web browser to <http://www.iapmo.org/Pages/MeetingsandConferences.aspx>.

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