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**IAPMO R&T Provides ENERGY STAR® Certification
for A. O. Smith's Solar Water Heaters**

Ontario, Calif. (May 13, 2011) — IAPMO R&T, North America's leading provider of third-party certification services for plumbing and mechanical products, has completed ENERGY STAR® certification for manufacturer A. O. Smith's line of residential solar water heaters, the first solar water heaters to receive the energy efficiency certification through IAPMO R&T.

The certificate of listing covers more than 200 models of residential solar water heaters released under the manufacturer names A. O. Smith, American and State. IAPMO R&T's listing certifies that each model meets the minimum ENERGY STAR® requirements for energy efficiency, hot water delivery, warranty period and safety.

ENERGY STAR® qualified solar water heaters are capable of cutting a home's annual water heating bills in half when compared to conventional gas or electric water heaters, according the U.S. EPA and U.S. Department of Energy.

"A. O. Smith recognizes that ENERGY STAR® certification is a must-have qualification for residential solar water heaters," said Paul Stewart, product manager for A. O. Smith. "ENERGY STAR® certification assures consumers that they are purchasing the most energy efficient products available. Working with IAPMO R&T has proven to be the most effective way to secure ENERGY STAR® certification for our products and we look forward to partnering with them in the future."

A joint program of the U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy launched in 1992 as a voluntary labeling program, ENERGY STAR® was expanded in 1995 to include residential heating and cooling equipment and later major appliances, lighting and roof products. Users of ENERGY STAR® qualified products saved around \$18 billion on their energy bills in 2010, eliminating greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 34 million cars.

For more information on having products ENERGY STAR® certified, direct your Web browser to www.iapmort.org or contact Karen Snowden or Brenda Madonna at (909) 472-4100 or for more information on the ENERGY STAR® program visit www.energystar.gov.

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