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IAPMO Backflow Prevention Institute Relocates to Colorado School of Mines

Golden, Colo. (April 11, 2011) — IAPMO's Backflow Prevention Institute (BPI) has relocated its education and training facility to the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo. For years, IAPMO's backflow prevention training has been conducted at Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, Colo., but due to expansion-related construction at the college that facility is no longer viable.

Known as a training ground for promising young engineers and scientists, the Colorado School of Mines, a public university, gears its curriculum and research toward responsible stewardship of the Earth and its resources. The Colorado School of Mines location will accommodate the recently expanded training program offered by the BPI. These courses include certifications toward each of the credentials in the ASSE Series 5000 standard, such as backflow prevention assembly tester, repairer, surveyor, administrator, and fire-sprinkler contractor tester.

"Red Rocks was a terrific host for several years, but we are definitely excited to now partner with such a highly regarded technical university as Colorado School of Mines," said Sean Cleary, IAPMO director of Backflow Prevention Training and Education. "State of the art classrooms and a backdrop of innovation and groundbreaking research lend a great deal to the institute's educational offerings and mission."

BPI also released a schedule of 12 backflow prevention training courses to be presented at School of Mines through the remainder of 2011, beginning with a 40-hour backflow prevention assembly tester course and exam, May 16-20, and an eight-hour backflow prevention assembly recertification course and exam, May 21. (For the full schedule, direct your Web browser to <http://www.iapmodwbp.org/Pages/TrainingandCertification.aspx>.)

The relocation comes right on the heels of two similarly exciting announcements made in recent weeks by the BPI. Last month the institute released the second edition of IAPMO's Backflow Prevention Reference Manual, produced in collaboration with the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada (UA). This full color, illustrated reference manual is designed to teach every aspect of backflow prevention and cross-connection control, from identifying and testing the wide variety of backflow prevention assemblies to proper selection and installation of both testable assemblies and non-testable backflow prevention devices.

Last week, IAPMO announced BPI would support an "Innovation Lab" at the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health to find ways to reduce the potential for recontamination through policy, technology, education, codes, and regulation. Called "The Last Mile of Safe Drinking Water Delivery," the research intends to better understand how, why and when drinking water gets contaminated during transport from a nearby source of safe water to the point of use.

For more information on IAPMO's BPI or to register for training, direct your Web browser to www.iapmodwbp.org or call (877) 427-6601, ext. 3090.

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