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IAPMO Holds Technical Committee Meetings for Development of 2021 USHGC and USPSHTC

Ontario, Calif. (May 29, 2020) — The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) last week concluded Technical Committee Meetings toward the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited development of the 2021 editions of the *Uniform Solar, Hydronics and Geothermal Code (USHGC)* and *Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code (USPSHTC)*. The meetings were held via teleconference.

The technical committees, consisting of a broad coalition of industry experts — installers, inspection officials, contractors, engineers and manufacturers — considered public comments to amend the *USHGC* and *USPSHTC* in advance of the release of the 2021 editions. Their actions to accept, modify, or reject these comments will be electronically balloted to the technical committees for formal voting June 5-26. The results of these votes will be published in the *Report on Comments* to be published for review in September.

The *USHGC* Technical Committee met via teleconference and considered public comments seeking to amend the code in such areas as: applicable standards for hydronic system components; heat pumps; dual purpose water heaters; protection of potable water supply and applicable standards; pressure testing; discharge piping; expansion tanks and sizing; oxygen permeation; joining methods and connections for hydronic distribution piping and tubing; safety devices; radiant wall and ceiling panels; tube fasteners; tracer wires; solar photovoltaic systems; and applicable equipment standards.

The *USHGC* is a model code developed by IAPMO to govern the installation and inspection of solar energy systems as a means of promoting the public's health, safety, and welfare.

The *USPSHTC* Technical Committee met via teleconference and considered public comments seeking to amend the code in such areas as: flood resistant design and construction for flood hazard areas; applicable material standards for building supply, water distribution, and circulation system piping and fittings; water supply and circulation system pipe joints and connections; tracer wires; pool lifts and accessibility; slip-resistant walkway surfaces; islands; lazy rivers; bridges; vanishing edge pools; beach entry pools; ventilation of indoor aquatic facilities; water chemistry; heaters; zero-depth entry pools; signage; secondary entrapment prevention.

The *USPSHTC* is a model code developed by IAPMO to govern the installation and inspection of both public and private swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs to ensure the safety of their operation.

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