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**EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson to Keynote  
International Emerging Technology Symposium**

**Ontario, Calif. (July 2, 2008)** — Stephen Johnson, the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will deliver the keynote address at the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)/World Plumbing Council Emerging Technology Symposium, Aug. 19-20, in Chicago.

Johnson is the 11<sup>th</sup> administrator of the U.S. EPA, a post he's held since 2005. In this role, he leads EPA's efforts to protect human health and the environment, managing more than 17,000 agency employees nationwide and overseeing an annual budget of \$7.7 billion. As administrator, Johnson implemented the Clean Air Interstate Rule, one of the most health protective air quality standards in EPA history, and led a nationwide effort to introduce ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel, the most important achievement in clean fuel since the removal of lead from gasoline.

Johnson is a scientist and 27-year veteran of the EPA who is deeply committed to vigorously enforcing the nation's environmental laws.

"I cannot think of a more qualified and better choice to launch our emerging technology symposium than Stephen Johnson," said Russ Chaney, IAPMO executive director. "His knowledge of environmental history and well-documented foresight will perfectly frame the presentations and discussions that follow his remarks. We are grateful for Mr. Johnson's contribution to our efforts bringing to light future advances that will reshape our industry and the ways in which we do business."

The two-day symposium at the O'Hare Marriott in Chicago will allow participants to learn how the manufacturing, engineering and trade industries devise solutions to international regulatory developments on topics including: water, sanitation and health; water and energy efficiency; water reuse; solar and other renewable energies; and fat, oil and grease discharges.

Worldwide sponsors include the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE), World Plumbing Review Magazine, the Indian Plumbing Association and The Institute of Plumbing Australia Inc. For those who cannot be present, a film crew will record the event in front of the symposium registrants. At its conclusion, a "Webinar" will be produced for event sponsors to make available in the ensuing weeks (via the Internet) to their respective members, customers and the groups and individuals they serve.

Registration to attend the event is \$295 and includes breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks. Hotel reservations can be made directly with the O'Hare Marriott. Mention the IAPMO event for a special room rate of \$129 per night.

For sponsorship opportunities and/or information on participating in the event, please contact Maria Sol Alba at (708) 995-3005 or [Career.Services@iapmo.org](mailto:Career.Services@iapmo.org).

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*The mission of the World Plumbing Council is to unite the world plumbing industry to safeguard and protect the environment and the health of nations, for the benefit of all.*

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