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IAPMO Earns American National Standards Institute Audited Designator Status

Ontario, Calif. (Sept. 27, 2011) – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) is pleased to announce that the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has granted IAPMO's Application for Audited Designator Status. As an Audited Designator, IAPMO now has the right to designate future editions of the *Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)*, *Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC)*, *Uniform Solar Energy Code (USEC)*, and the *Uniform Spa, Pool and Hot Tub Code (USPHTC)* as American National Standards immediately upon the publication release date, and upon conclusion of IAPMO's ANSI-accredited procedures, without requiring prior approval by the ANSI Board of Standards Review.

IAPMO becomes only the sixth organization worldwide to receive this honor. "ANSI's thorough investigation into The IAPMO Group's application determined that IAPMO has achieved a consistent record of successful voluntary standards development and that IAPMO's code development process contained the integrity required to achieve this designation," said IAPMO CEO GP Russ Chaney. "As a result, IAPMO's reputation for fairness and adherence to ANSI rules with respect to the development of American National Standards is now firmly cemented within ANSI."

Founded in 1918, ANSI's mission is to enhance both the global competitiveness of U.S. business and the U.S. quality of life by promoting and facilitating voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems, and safeguarding their integrity. ANSI fosters the U.S. standardization system by accrediting the procedures of standard-setting organizations and subsequently approving individual documents as American National Standards. To learn more, visit www.ansi.org/ansvalue.

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