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IAPMO Standards Council Issues
TIA UPC-004-15, Rejects TIA UPC-003-15


TIA UPC-004-15 revises some values in UPC Table 501.1(1) pertaining to water heater first hour ratings. The rejected TIA UPC-003-15 proposed new language be added to Section 710.6 Backwater Valves in the 2015 UPC.

Both TIAs were balloted through the Plumbing Technical Committee in accordance with the Regulations Governing Committee Projects to determine if there existed the necessary three-fourths majority support on technical merit and emergency nature to establish the recommendation for issuance. In the case of TIA UPC-004-15, the letter ballot passed on both accounts. TIA UPC-003-15 failed on both accounts.

In determining whether or not to issue a TIA, the Standards Council looks to the Technical Committee letter ballot for a recommendation of support. Upon a full review and consideration of all the information available to it, the Council agreed with the substantiation submitted by the proponent and thus voted to accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee and issue TIA UPC-004-15. Similarly, TIA UPC-003-15 was rejected by the same process.


TIAs are proposals based on the determination of an emergency nature requiring prompt action to amend code that contains an error or omission that was overlooked during the regular code development process, contains a conflict within the document or with another IAPMO document, or to correct a hazard, promote an advancement in safeguarding the public or provide an opportunity to correct an adverse impact on a product or method of installation.

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