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**IAPMO Advances Development of 2024 Solar, Hydronics and Geothermal Code and
2024 Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code During Technical Committee Meetings**

Ontario, Calif. (July 20, 2023) — The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®) concluded technical committee meetings toward the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited development of the 2024 editions of the *Uniform Solar, Hydronics and Geothermal Code (USHGC®)* and *Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code (USPSHTC®)*.

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 2024 editions. Their actions to accept, modify, or reject these comments were electronically balloted to the technical committees for formal voting between June 5-26. The results of these votes will be made public in the Report on Comments to be published for review in September.

The *USHGC* technical committee met and considered public comments seeking to amend the code in such areas as: hangers and supports for piping and tubing; disposal of hydronic fluid; freeze protection; comingling of hydronic system fluid and potable water; expansion tanks; engineered fluid expansion storage systems; oxygen diffusion corrosion; vented closed-loop systems; non-oxygen barrier closed-loop systems; joints between different materials; automatic makeup fluid; drainback systems; combustibles within ducts or plenums; site surveys; shutoff valves for equipment and appliances; ground heat-exchanger installation practices; vertical and horizontal setbacks for ground-heat exchangers; tracer and warning markings for buried piping; simplified schematics for closed-loop and open-loop geothermal energy systems; ambient temperature loops and distributed energy systems; and net zero and net positive buildings.

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 and considered public comments seeking to amend the code in such areas as: construction site fencing; slip-resistant walkway surfaces; artificial and underwater lighting levels; zero-depth entries; pool wall slopes; float lines; finishes and surfaces; handholds; walkways; deck drainage; turnover time; water chemistry; oxidation reduction potential; ozone removal; surge tank storage capacity; and elevated pools, spas, and aquatic venues.

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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