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IAPMO Group Launches Newly Designed Website

The IAPMO Group last month launched a newly designed, highly intuitive website that features quick and easy access to each of the organization's core competencies, such as product testing and certification, codes and standards development, training and personnel certification, membership, and management system registration. The new website is located at the same familiar address, <http://www.iapmo.org>.

The content has been reorganized and offers a far cleaner design, resulting in a website that is easier to navigate and search. Technological improvements provide for faster performance and increased accessibility around the world.

"I think members, industry contributors and the general public will gain enhanced insight from this major intuitive update of The IAPMO Group websites," said IAPMO Group CEO GP Russ Chaney. "The communication platforms available today via social media and other tools enable IAPMO to get accurate and timely information to those who depend on our technical programs to assist them in doing their jobs every day. We are delighted to announce this major upgrade, and I encourage each of you to see how you can derive benefit simply by accessing information on www.iapmo.org."

The revamped website is mobile enabled, with a design that adapts to suit cell phone and tablet displays as well as personal computers. Quick links offer easy access to each of The IAPMO Group's business units, as well as to e-publications, information on chapters, committees, code answers and analysis, and IAPMO's field managers. A bookstore link quickly gives users the opportunity to purchase IAPMO's codebooks and training manuals.

The new website is integrated into The IAPMO Group's social media accounts, enabling visitors to view updates on social media platforms including Facebook,

Twitter, Flickr, Instagram and YouTube. A click on one of the posts takes visitors to the specific social media platform and provides the opportunity to follow the account.

"From our position as leading the plumbing and mechanical codes, as well as with our divergent business units and other trade associations, The IAPMO Group generates a wide variety of industry resources," said Duane Huisken, IAPMO Senior Vice President of Marketing and Communications. "Making those useful resources more easily accessible allows our members, building departments, manufacturing partners, other industry partners and consumers to gain considerable value from our information."

The website will be updated regularly with news about accomplishments, events, the latest publications, staffing changes, member benefits, educational offerings, certifications and a job board.

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2018 Edition of ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Series 6000 Now Available

Mokena, Ill. (Jan. 22, 2019) — ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Series 6000-2018, *Professional Qualifications Standard for Medical Gas Systems Personnel*, has been designated as an American National Standard by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and is now available for purchase. The 2018 edition of ASSE Series 6000 parallels the medical gas-related requirements of NFPA 99-2018, *Health Care Facilities Code*.

ASSE/IAPMO/ANSI Series 6000-2018 addresses minimum requirements for medical gas systems inspectors, verifiers, maintenance personnel and instructors, which are referenced by regulatory officials to determine if personnel are qualified to work on piped medical gas systems in their jurisdictions. The specialized disciplines covered in ASSE Series 6000 are necessary to provide for all aspects involved in the installation, testing, and maintenance of the piped medical gas/vacuum distribution systems that are installed in health care facilities throughout the United States.

There were 51 members of the ASSE 6000 working group who participated in revision of this standard series. Approximately 200 changes to the previous edition of the standard were initially proposed, and additional changes were entertained during working group meetings.

Read more: http://www.iapmonline.org/Documents/archive/20190117_ASSE-6000.aspx

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IAPMO Offers Amnesty Program for Expired Personnel Certifications

IAPMO® is pleased to announce a program that will allow individuals with expired IAPMO certifications a path to renew their personnel certifications in an easier and less costly way. Typically, holders of expired certifications beyond the six-month grace period — no matter how far past the grace period they are — pay additional reinstatement fees and have to take additional steps to demonstrate their continued industry competence. Outside of this amnesty program, individuals whose certifications expired more than three years ago would have to pay for and retake the initial certification exam, with costs up to \$250.

This one-time program will give users needing to reinstate their certification, or needing to retest completely, an alternative option to renew their certifications. With this option, individuals can pay a reduced fee of \$95 and then take the relevant amnesty exam. These are 40-question, open-book exams that are taken online. Once an individual passes the exam with a score of 70 percent or better, he or she will receive new credentials in the mail within three to four weeks.

members of IAPMO, which include substantial discounts on most IAPMO publications and educational programs, the opportunity to update and improve the UPC and UMC, participation in local IAPMO chapters and an invitation to attend IAPMO's Annual Education and Business Conference. The conference offers superb educational seminars. Find out more at www.iapmo.org.



The banner features the 'Backflow Prevention JOURNAL' logo at the top. Below the logo is a screenshot of the journal's website, showing various articles and images related to backflow prevention. At the bottom of the banner, there is a blue box with white text that reads: 'Your source for backflow prevention and cross-connection news and articles.' Below this text is a white button with a blue border that says 'Subscribe Today'.



The banner features the text 'AN AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD' at the top, followed by '(IAPMO/ANSI UPC 1 - 2018 & IAPMO/ANSI UMC 1 - 2018)'. Below this is the large, stylized number '2018' in a gold, metallic font, with 'UPC AND UMC' underneath it in a similar font. At the bottom left, there are two book covers: '2018 UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE (UMC)' and '2018 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE (UPC)'. At the bottom right, there is a circular seal with a red border and white text that reads 'FREE ORDER NOW INDEX TABS'.

"IAPMO understands the importance of professional certification and the need to have certified experts protecting the public in the field," said Tony Marcello, Vice President of Training and Credential Services for IAPMO. "We also understand that renewing an expired certification can be expensive, and the thought of starting the process from scratch can be intimidating. Because of this, we wanted to create a way for those individuals whose certification has lapsed to renew it in a more cost-effective and less stressful manner."

For more information about this program, visit www.iapmo.org/certification-amnesty, call (708) 995-3005 or email certifications@iapmo.org.

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IAPMO India's Saralaya Awarded WPC Education and Training Scholarship

IAPMO is proud to announce Swathi Saralaya, project manager with IAPMO India, is the recipient of a 2018 World Plumbing Council (WPC) Education and Training Scholarship. Saralaya is the first woman to be awarded a WPC scholarship.

The primary liaison and master trainer for IAPMO India's Plumbing Education to Employment Program (PEEP), a code-based training program developed by IAPMO India and the Indian Plumbing Association (IPA), Saralaya plans to travel to Australia to explore the implementation of building regulations and plumbing standards. The scholarship will help fund her efforts to learn about advancements in plumbing from the perspective of sustainability and the impact plumbing systems have on the health of consumers and the state of the environment.

"I feel extremely honored and appreciative for receiving this significant scholarship, which boosts my confidence," Saralaya said. "I look forward to expanding my knowledge of the plumbing industry and pursuing opportunities where I can have a positive impact on the industry. While in Australia, I will be conducting a comparative study between India and Australia, around the key aspects of water conservation strategies, utilization of alternative sources of potable water supply, envisioned frameworks/guidelines related to sustaining potable water supply and sanitation, and implementation of programs focused on improvement of plumbing and sanitation in impoverished rural communities."

Read more: <http://www.iapmo.org/group/update/swathi>

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2019 AHR Expo Showcases Excitement for HVACR, Global Market Expansion

The 2019 AHR Expo returned to Atlanta for the first time since 2001 and by all accounts the Show delivered. This year the Show floor exhibited 1,824 companies from across the entire industry, including 497 international exhibitors, bringing together the best in technology and product advancement. Throughout the three-day Show there was palpable energy felt for the future of HVACR among attendees and exhibitors alike.

"The HVACR industry is in a very exciting position at the moment and that energy was evident on the Show floor this year," said Mark Stevens, show manager of AHR Expo. "Attendees came from all over the globe and from every corner of the industry to make this Show a success. We've received great feedback on the quality of networking from both attendees and exhibitors and look forward to seeing many of these connections come to life in the products and technologies on the Show floor in Orlando next year."

2019 AHR Expo by the Numbers

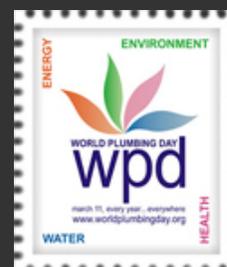


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This year the AHR Expo used radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology to verify attendance, which allows for the scanning in of each person without stalling the crowd and creating long wait times. This means that the Show was able to generate a true capture of every attendee that walked through the door, spent time on the exhibitor floor as well as in education sessions. In previous years the Show relied on pre-registration and on-site registration to quantify attendance. The 2019 numbers are strong, with a total verified attendance of 45,078.

Read more: <https://ahrexpo.com/2019/01/28/2019-ahr-expo-showcases-excitement-for-hvacr-global-market-expansion/>

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New Construction Starts in December Decline 10 Percent; Annual Total for 2018 Edges Up 0.3 Percent to \$789.0 Billion

NEW YORK — January 24, 2019 — New construction starts in December fell 10% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$708.9 billion, continuing to retreat after November's 7% slide, according to [Dodge Data & Analytics](#). The December downturn reflected diminished activity for each of the three main construction sectors. Nonresidential building dropped 14%, as its commercial building segment lost momentum following its heightened November amount. Residential building pulled back 8%, due to reduced activity in December for both single family and multifamily housing. Nonbuilding construction decreased 9%, with a steep plunge by the electric utility/gas plant category that outweighed a December rebound for public works. For 2018 as a whole, total construction starts increased a slight 0.3% to \$789.0 billion. This came after 7% gains in both 2016 and 2017, as well as 11% to 14% gains from 2012 through 2015. The 2018 increase for total construction starts was restrained by a 31% plunge for the electric utility/gas plant category. If electric utilities and gas plants are excluded, total construction starts for 2018 would be up 2% from 2017.

Read more: <https://www.construction.com/news/new-construction-starts-december-decline-10-percent-jan-2019>

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Energy Department Announces \$42 Million in Project Selections for Innovative Buildings Research

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has announced up to \$42 million in project selections to support early-stage research and development (R&D) of innovative residential and commercial building technologies for energy efficiency.

Buildings use 75% of U.S. electricity and account for 40% of U.S. overall energy use. Energy efficiency is a key driver of overall economic efficiency and part of DOE's mission to increase energy affordability and energy security. The technology developed from these early-stage R&D projects is designed to help consumers and businesses save energy costs and drive domestic economic competitiveness.

Read more: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/articles/energy-department-announces-42-million-project-selections-innovative-buildings>

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Pipes Excavated at 20,490 Flint Homes to Date through Mayor Weaver's FAST Start Initiative

Since Mayor Weaver's FAST Start began in March 2016, crews from area companies have completed excavation at 20,490 homes. As of April 2018, 11,657 homes have been checked. According to reports from contractors, crews have identified copper

service lines at a total of 9,919 homes, 1,738 homes have been identified as having lead and/or galvanized service lines.

Overall, to date, service lines to 7,966 homes have been identified as lead and/or galvanized and have been replaced, including 1,738 homes found this year. The efforts are a part of Mayor Karen Weaver's plan to determine if water service lines are made of copper, and replace service lines made of lead and galvanized steel. Mayor Weaver is determined to restore safe, clean drinking water to Flint residents.

Read the full news release: <https://www.cityofflint.com/2019/01/28/pipes-excavated-at-20490-flint-homes-to-date-through-mayor-weavers-fast-start-initiative/>

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 Denver, CO
www.iapmo.org

IAPMO 90th Annual Education and Business Conference / 2019 ASSE International Annual Meeting
 September 22 - 26, 2019
 Reno, NV
www.iapmo.org

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watersmartinnovations.com

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March 11-15, 2019	Phoenix, AZ	ASSE 5130 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repairer Training and Certification Examination Class
March 23 & 30, 2019	Tempe & Phoenix, AZ	ASSE 5110 Cross Connection Control Recertification - 12 Hr Course and Exam
April 15-18, 2019	Tempe, AZ	ASSE 5150 Backflow Prevention Program Administrator/Specialist Training and Certification
April 29-May 4, 2019	Phoenix, AZ	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam
CALIFORNIA SEMINARS		
Feb. 25 - March 1, 2019	Ontario, CA	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam
March 1, 2019	Ontario, CA	Cross Connection Control Recertification - 8 hr Course and Exam
March 4-8, 2019	Poway, CA	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam

March 8, 2019	Poway, CA	Cross Connection Control Recertification - 8 hr Course and Exam
COLORADO SEMINARS		
March 11-15, 2019	Montrose, CO	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam
March 14-15, 2019	Montrose, CO	ASSE 5110 Cross Connection Control Recertification - 12 hr Course & Exam
March 25-29, 2019	Johnstown, CO	ASSE 5110 Cross Connection Control Recertification - 12 hr Course & Exam
March 28-29, 2019	Johnstown, CO	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam
April 11-12, 2019	Denver, CO	ASSE 5110 Cross Connection Control Recertification - 12 hr Course & Exam
April 15-19, 2019	Pagosa Springs, CO	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam
April 18-19, 2019	Pagosa Springs, CO	ASSE 5110 Cross Connection Control Recertification - 12 hr Course & Exam
IDAHO ONLINE SEMINARS		
IOWA ONLINE SEMINARS		
LOUISIANA SEMINARS		
March 25-29, 2019	Minden, LA	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam
March 29, 2019	Minden, LA	ASSE 5110 Cross Connection Control Recertification - 8 hr course / WSPS Conversion Class
June 10-14, 2019	Baton Rouge, LA	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam
June 14, 2019	Baton Rouge, LA	ASSE 5110 Cross Connection Control Recertification - 8 hr course / WSPS Conversion Class
MAINE SEMINARS		
April 22-25, 2019	York, ME	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam
April 25, 2019	York, ME	ASSE 5110 Cross Connection Control Recertification - 8 hr course
MASSACHUSETTS SEMINARS		
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MINNESOTA SEMINARS		
April 29, 2019 - May 3, 2019	Anoka, MN	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam
May 1-3, 2019	Anoka, MN	ASSE 5130 Repairer Training and Certification Exam
May 3, 2019	Anoka, MN	ASSE 5110 Cross Connection Control Recertification - 8 hr Course and Exam
NEW JERSEY SEMINARS		
March 23-24, 2019	East Brunswick, NJ	ASSE 5130 Repairer Training and Certification Exam
April 8-12, 2019	Pennsauken, NJ	ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester 40 Hour Class and Exam
April 12, 2019	Pennsauken, NJ	ASSE 5110 Cross Connection Control Recertification - 8 hr course and Exam
PENNSYLVANIA SEMINARS		
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