



2015

YEAR END
REVIEW

**DISPENSING EQUIPMENT
ALLIANCE**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Dispensing Equipment Alliance (DEA) was founded in 2015 by a group of companies that manufacture, distribute, sell, and/or utilize chemical dispensing equipment. Central to the DEA's objectives is to promote understanding of the safety, cost savings, and sustainability benefits that controlled dispensing brings to the general public. The DEA accomplishes this by focusing on educating enforcement authorities and consumers, as well as advocating on behalf of the industry for regulations that protect the public's water supply in a sound, consistent, and sensible manner.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Dispensing Equipment Alliance (DEA) officially recognized as a non-profit independent chapter of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®).
- Completed 2015 fiscal year within established budget.
- Five members elected to form the inaugural Executive Steering Committee and placed in office at the January meeting in Mokena, Illinois.
- Dispensing Equipment Alliance by-laws were drafted and adopted (<http://goo.gl/6n0dxK>).
- Created three committees focused around DEA's central objectives.
 - Code Committee
 - Education Committee
 - Membership Committee
- Organization website launched (www.dispensingequipment.org).
- Designed and produced print literature to support DEA at trade shows and membership outreach. Distributed at 2015 ISSA conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Co-published, with ASSE International, an official white paper addressing the importance of standardization of dispensing equipment certification and the accepted national standard, ASSE 1055 (<http://goo.gl/Mo3emw>).
- Advocated for sensible change in Massachusetts, Utah, and Illinois related to regulatory requirements for dispensing equipment performance and installation.
- Proposed new, clearer language to be incorporated into the next version of the *Uniform Plumbing Code*.



The Dispensing Equipment Alliance (DEA) is established for the purpose of providing superior leadership and fostering the awareness of chemical dispensing technology and its impact on public health and safety through comprehensive educational activities, products, codes and standards, and public awareness initiatives. In addition, the DEA will serve as a clearinghouse of experience, ideas, and information to further the objectives and sustain interest on behalf of the DEA membership.

2016 GOALS

ADVOCACY/CODE:

- Incorporation of proposed language into 2018 *Uniform Plumbing Code*.
- Make progress on work begun in 2015 on pressing regulatory issues in both Massachusetts and Utah.
- Work closely with ASSE to guide the development of ASSE 1055, the standard for chemical dispensing equipment performance.

EDUCATION:

- Publish installation guideline white paper, establishing the first step in creating a curriculum to further our educational goals.
- Pending publication of guidelines, begin development of professional qualifications for dispensing equipment installers.
- Update content on website and brochure.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Drive new membership – goal of 10-15 new members by end of 2016.
- Create national database of each state's chief code authority for use by DEA members.
- Establish a tiered approach to membership, making it more appealing to smaller groups like students, code authorities, and distributors – where there is high interest, but the financial requirement may be prohibitive.
- Assemble a "Why the DEA?" membership package to be distribute to potential members.

CONCLUSION:

The DEA is off to an exciting start. 2015 saw an enormous amount of activity establishing the groundwork for a functional, strategic, and effective organization. Building upon that structural foundation, the DEA is poised to reap the rewards of all of the hard work and diligence put in by our dedicated committee members.

From clarifying and harmonizing national code language that will simplify and reduce confusion around the installation and use process, to creating a broadly applicable curriculum geared toward helping consumers and inspectors understand the enormous benefits that come with certified, controlled dispensing systems, the DEA is ready to make a difference.

Sincerely,
DEA Executive Steering Committee



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