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SDG 6 Special Event during High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2021

Even before COVID-19 struck, progress on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 was alarmingly off track. According to the latest UN report, the current rate of progress on achieving water and sanitation for all will have to quadruple to meet the 2030 deadline. On Friday, 9 July 2021, a virtual SDG 6 Special Event will be hosted during the [High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2021 \(HLPF\)](#). In line with the theme of the 2021 HLPF, the Special Event will focus on how the [SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework](#) can support a sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, and builds an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development. The SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework introduces this multi-stakeholder, high-level, annual stock-taking event to enable stakeholders to keep up momentum on SDG 6 as well as share lessons and best practices. The SDG 6 Special Event will review the progress to date and showcase some of the projects that have been developed around the Framework. As a new contribution to the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework, progress on the SDG 6 Capacity Development Initiative will be introduced by the co-coordinators UN DESA and UNESCO.

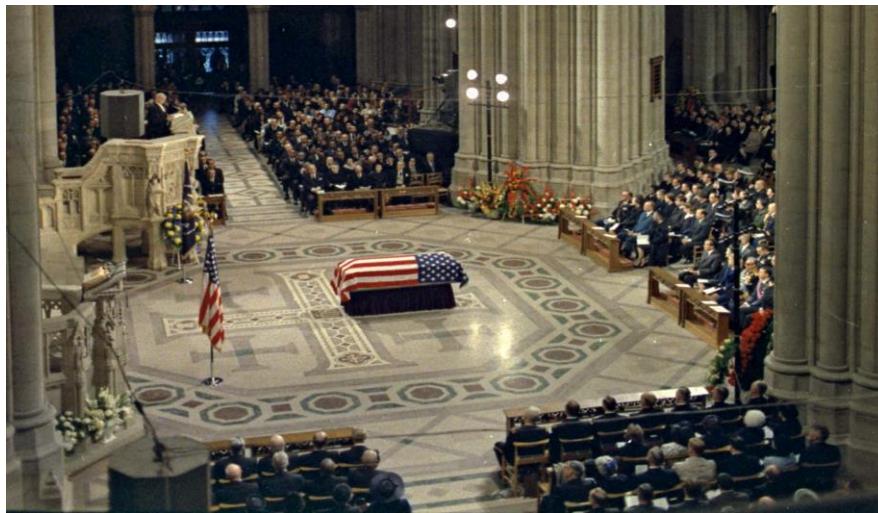
- The agenda for the special event, hosted on 9 July 2021 at 8:00-9:30 EDT/14:00-15:30 CEST, will be made available shortly.
- Register for the event [here](#). Go to United Nations UN WATER click on news then click on the picture titled UN WATER NEWS Hope to see you there, Gary W. Howard

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ASSE Illinois Chapter presented Vince England President of Mid-Continent Sales with a Certificate of Dedication Award for him and his team's support of ASSE Illinois.

From Left to right; Jason Romano V.P. Mid-Continent Sales, Josh Goeden V.P./ Sales Manager Mid-Continent Sales, Gary Howard President ASSE Illinois Chapter, Vince England President Mid-Continent Sales and Dave Wolniak Mid-Continent Sales Chairman Emeritus

ASSE Illinois Chapter held its first General Membership Meeting on June 21, 2021, since the Pandemic began. This meeting proved to be a very productive meeting not only because we were finally meeting face to face with friends and colleagues, but ASSE Illinois Chapter was able to provide 2 hours of continuing education for Licensed Plumbers, Certified Plumbing Inspectors, Contractors, Engineers, Architects, and Distributors of Plumbing Products. This class was put together for all concerned to have a better understanding of why the plumbing programs are always trying to move toward improvement to help with "Prevention Rather Than Cure" and Protecting the Health and Safety of the Public. ASSE Illinois Chapter was successful in delivering the message of understanding and following the Code as it is written. The Illinois Department of Public Health was notified of the class beforehand which is required in Illinois. Our past President Denis Riordan is our sponsor at the Illinois Chapter for CEU's, under his sponsorship President Gary W. Howard presented a two-hour class on Highlights from the Code and What is the Minimum. At the meeting, we had the following attendees, President of Mid-Continent Sales and ASSE Board Member Vince England provided his Supply house conference room for the class. Mid-Continent Sales specializes in plumbing, heating, fire protection, irrigation, and waterworks. Mid-Continent Sales V.P. / Sales Manager Josh Goeden, Mid-Continent Sales V.P. Jason Romano, Mid-Continent Sales, Inside sale Rep. Lou Ann Weiss, Mid-Continent Sales, Inside Sales Rep. Amanda Airheart, Mid-Continent Sales Chairman Emeritus Dave Wolniak, Engineer Joe Ficek of Grumman/Butkus Associates, Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute Regional Director Jack Wintrow, Cook County Certified Plumbing Inspector Michael McGaughan, Recording Secretary of Illinois Plumbing Inspectors Association, Past President of Illinois Plumbing Inspectors Association George Swietczak, Chicago Inspectors Joe Sowa and Denis Riordan, members of the plumbing industry, and Board Members of ASSE Illinois Chapter. We had a great class and some good debates and questions on the specific language of parts of the Illinois Plumbing Code. No Mask was required for this meeting.

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials is seeking Members for Technical Committee for Construction Practices for Potable Water Guideline

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We like to say we live by the code. A code that says that water is safe, that plumbing systems are strong and that our association is even stronger.

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Our non-profit foundation, the International Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Foundation (IWSH), helps develop local plumbing infrastructure in parts of the world that have no piping, including communities right here in the US.

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- Live support for questions on job sites that mitigate costly construction delays. This is

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- Our research and insights help you make sense of today's sophisticated water-related technologies and understand the impact of your plumbing code decisions on the personal safety and business interests of your constituents.
- Clarity in details that help small construction businesses thrive

Our pledge of professionalism is written in the codes that serve generations across the life of millions of structures around the world. Throughout our organization, our sole focus is making sure that everybody has access to clean water and sanitation.

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Nearly 100-years ago, municipal officials were facing public health challenges as their water and sanitation infrastructure was coming together. These are familiar challenges in the present day, such as drought and disease outbreaks.

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TESTS FOR DRINKING WATER UNDERWAY AFTER CHEMTOOL FACILITY FIRE IN ROCKTON, ILLINOIS

Officials stopped putting water on the fire due to fear that the runoff could make its way into a nearby river and threaten drinking water supplies.



On June 14, 2021, several fire departments from both Illinois and Wisconsin were called to a 6-alarm fire at the Chemtool facility in Rockton, Illinois.

According to [Illinois EPA](#), Chemtool makes greases, additives, and other fluids. As a result of the fire, the Rockton Fire Chief implemented a mandatory evacuation of a one-mile radius surrounding the facility due to the presence of hazardous substances and oils within the building. Illinois EPA then requested assistance from the U.S. EPA due to the scale of the fire.

Officials stopped putting water on the fire due to fear that the runoff could make its way into a nearby river and threaten drinking water supplies, [reported NBC Chicago](#).

"There was a decision made to pull back on the use of water out of concern for runoff which is very understandable and that does go a long way towards that," said John Kim, director of the Illinois EPA, [reported NBC Chicago](#). "There was some water used, and we also share the concern that nothing is going to be adversely impacting the Rock River. So we do have field staff that will be working with contractors retained by the company to go out to take a look and see if there is any runoff to conduct some sampling to make sure that we don't have anything getting off site, or anywhere near a potable water supply, so that we're not going to have that kind of concern."

The company hired to help extinguish a fire used foam containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). There is no reported contamination of groundwater or the nearby Rock River, but tests are still ongoing, according to Illinois EPA in a separate statement to [AP News](#).

The groundwater which the town draws its drinking water from will be evaluated, [reported AP News](#). The closest municipal well is 1.25 miles from the factory, according to EPA.

As a result of the fire, homeowners within the 1-mile radius of Chemtool Inc. have filed a second class-action lawsuit against the manufacturing plant and its parent company, Lubrizol. The first lawsuit was filed the same day as the evacuation order was lifted for Rockton residents to return home.

According to WGN-TV, the second suit claims Rockton residents are suffering health issues from the smoke and dealing with damaged homes and yards covered in debris. The suit also says both companies were negligent in the care that would have prevented the explosion.

As of June 21, the number of hot spots remaining at the site dropped from 13 on to five. After the fire is extinguished, Illinois EPA and U.S. EPA will oversee the cleanup of the site, reported Illinois EPA.

According to Rockton Fire Chief Kirk Wilson, the cause of the fire is still under investigation, reported WGN-TV.

Jokes for the month

What does the Statue of Liberty stand for? It can't sit down.

Who was the biggest jokester in George Washington's army? Laughayette.

What did George Washington say to his men before they crossed the Delaware? "Get in the boat, men!"



Local Union 130 U.A. and American Society of Sanitary Engineering will hold two Product Shows this year. One at the new Campus in Joliet on Sept. 14, 2021. 2114 180, Joliet, IL 60435. And Nov.9, 2021 at the Chicago Campus 1400 W Washington Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607 Lower Hall both shows from 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM



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