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**U.S. EPA Recognizes IAPMO R&T to Certify
ENERGY STAR® Qualifying Solar Water Heaters**

Ontario, Calif. (March 22, 2011) — Manufacturers of solar water heaters can now fulfill all of their product certification needs through IAPMO R&T — a third-party certification body fully accredited by the American National Standards Institute to do so.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has granted recognition to IAPMO R&T for the third-party certification of solar water heaters to the ENERGY STAR® product labeling system. This recognition provides a perfect complement to IAPMO R&T's ANSI-accredited certification for solar energy products, including the OG 300 and SRCC 100 standards.

“In addition to certifying the safety, reliability and performance of their solar water heaters, manufacturers may now also certify the energy-saving capabilities of their products that meet ENERGY STAR® qualifications through IAPMO R&T,” said GP Russ Chaney, CEO of The IAPMO Group.

Manufacturers obtaining multiple certifications, for instance OG 300 and ENERGY STAR®, receive a special bundled price that provides added value to the widely recognized mark of conformity, quick turnaround time and industry-leading customer service that come with IAPMO R&T certification services.

IAPMO R&T, North America's premier plumbing and mechanical product certification agency, has for more than 30 years provided certification services to manufacturers of such solar equipment as heat exchangers, solar water heater systems and solar thermal collectors to the requirements of the Uniform Solar Energy Code (USEC) and applicable standards. IAPMO R&T's USEC mark of conformity tells consumers and inspectors alike that the products bearing it meet all the standards necessary to ensure such products' performance and safe, reliable operation.

For more information on having your solar water heater certified, direct your Web browser to www.iapmort.org or contact Karen Snowden or Brenda Madonna at (909) 472-4100. For more information on the ENERGY STAR® program, visit www.energystar.gov.

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IAPMO R&T certifies and lists plumbing, mechanical, electrical and solar products according to established US and Canadian codes and standards, ensuring continuous compliance to such documents. IAPMO R&T is part of The IAPMO Group's family of companies.

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