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IAPMO Assists in Kuwaiti Water Code Development

Ontario, CA (Dec. 15, 2006) – As part of its commitment to protect public health worldwide through safe and efficient plumbing and mechanical systems, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) is working with Kuwaiti officials to develop the Middle Eastern country's new water code.

In June 2006, representatives of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) initiated discussions with IAPMO, seeking assistance with drafting their country's water code. Since that time, major progress has been made in the development of a model code that includes performance and prescriptive solutions for specific water-related problems facing Kuwait.

Primarily concerned with water conservation and third party certification of plumbing products, Kuwaiti officials requested IAPMO's assistance in drafting a code that would contain both general provisions and specific applications. The Kuwaiti code will be based on IAPMO's 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), the organization's flagship document, with relevant amendments based on Kuwait's own needs and requirements. The new code will be called the Uniform Potable Water Plumbing Code of Kuwait. According to Lynne Simnick, director of code support at IAPMO and the primary author of the document, a first draft will be completed by March 2007. It will contain approximately nine chapters focusing strictly on water, with additional appendices, tables, standards, and definitions supporting the subject matter.

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