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Positive Steps Towards Water Efficiency Made by CIPH

This spring, big strides are being made to preserve Canada's future water resources. The Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH) has taken steps to remove 13 litre per flush (lph) water closets from the CSA Standard for plumbing fixtures (CSA B45).

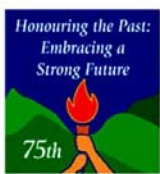
Canada is the last known first-world country to ban the use of 13 lpf fixtures. Other countries have successfully reduced water consumption by almost 7 litres to 6 lpf, and a new generation of high-efficiency models using only 4.8 lpf or less is growing in popularity.

By removing 13 lpf water closets from the CSA Standard, manufacturers will no longer be able to have their 13 lpf product approved for sale in Canada. It would effectively eliminate this generation of water closet from the market, while maintaining a level playing field with respect to competition for manufacturers from coast to coast.

CSA B45 is currently out for public review and the Standard's Technical Committee is expected to hold a ballot to approve the removal of 13 lpf fixtures in June, 2008.

If you would like to participate in the public review process, please visit CSA's website:
https://review.csa.ca/opr/opr_about.asp?loc=CAN

CIPH would like to thank all of their fixture manufacturer members for supporting efforts to preserve Canada's water resources.



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