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## CIPH Works Proactively on Your Behalf Regarding Codes and Standards

This Advocacy Link will update you regarding CIPH activities with reference to our goal of creating harmonized Codes and Standards for Canada.

CIPH is aware that having harmonized codes benefits our industry tremendously. The Institute is actively contacting the organizations that issue codes and standards to make them aware of the impact of their activities (or lack of) on our industry. We are working very hard to make them appreciate the needs of our industry and we believe that we are making progress. Some of the highlights include:

1. Referencing of CSA B45-2008 in the National Plumbing Code (NPC) 2010 is being pursued and we have been informed that the standard has been recommended to be referenced. If this occurs, then only up to 6 Lpf water closets will be allowed by the NPC 2010. We expect an answer in February 2010.
2. Communications regarding the addition of new objectives for "water-use efficiency" in the national model codes are ongoing with the National Research Council and the Canadian Commission on Codes and Standards (CCBFC). We are urging a speedy creation of the objective. This would then allow CIPH to propose changes for the NPC related to water conservation technologies.
3. With the help of our new Technical Advisor, Raman Chauhan, we are now able to devote more resources to improve and strengthen communications between CIPH and CCBFC. We are delighted to report that our communications are of a collaborative tone and we are making an impact. Our views and concerns are reaching the proper channels to eliminate the fragmentation of our system of codes and standards and we are working with the Commission to make the system more responsive while safeguarding the health and safety of all Canadians.
4. CIPH is proactively reaching out to the provinces and territories to ensure that the model codes issued by the CCBFC are adopted as quickly as possible and the lag time is reduced. Currently these initiatives include:
  - i) Requesting Saskatchewan to update the reference to the NPC 2005 from the NPC 1990;
  - ii) Requesting Ontario to harmonize the Ontario Plumbing Code with the NPC;
  - iii) Requesting the Province of Manitoba employ the water efficiency requirements proposed in the NPC and not surpass upcoming USA EPA WaterSense criteria for showerheads, and laundry and kitchen faucets; and
  - iv) Approached provinces that do not have representation on the Canadian Advisory Council on Plumbing encouraging them to nominate a representative. Currently Newfoundland lacks representation on the CACP and we are in discussions with the authorities in Newfoundland to nominate a candidate. Our goals are to:
    - a) Ensure compulsory certification for modern hot water heating system installations;
    - b) Ensure only product that meets existing applicable standards is installed and inspected; and
    - c) Ensure uniformity of codes and standards.

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