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### The IAPMO Green Code Supplement Undergoes 45-day Peer Review

The Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating has been advised that IAPMO's *Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement*, a comprehensive document with the intent to standardize sustainable residential and commercial plumbing and mechanical systems, is now available for peer review and comment.

The Green Supplement will be a separate document from the Uniform Plumbing and Mechanical Codes and will establish requirements for green building and water efficiency applicable to plumbing, mechanical, and solar energy (both hydronic and photovoltaic) systems. The Green Supplement will serve as an adjunct to the Uniform Codes or ANY of the plumbing and mechanical codes used in the US.

The 45-day review period will conclude at 5 p.m. CDT on Friday, Oct. 9, at which point no more comments will be accepted. This preliminary version of the supplement and the peer review comment form can be obtained by contacting Maria Bazan by e-mail at [maria.bazan@iapmo.org](mailto:maria.bazan@iapmo.org). Comments will only be accepted electronically via e-mail. Comments received will be compiled and serve as the agenda for the IAPMO Green Technical Committee meeting in Chicago, Nov. 17-19, at which time the committee will finalize the supplement for publishing by February 2010.

The supplement will not be a "greener" version of the Uniform Codes, but rather, the Green Supplement will:

- Serve as a repository for provisions that ultimately will be integrated into the Uniform Codes. The Green Supplement is a logical transitional home for green requirements until they are fully accepted by industry and are ready to be included into the code.
- Serve as a resource for progressive jurisdictions that are implementing green building and water efficiency programs.
- Enforcement aid for existing green ordinances
- Model for jurisdictions implementing green ordinances
- Serve as a resource for inspectors, plumbers, contractors, engineers and manufacturers in designing, installing and approving green plumbing and mechanical systems.
- Be written in voluntary language and in a format similar to the Uniform Codes.
- Maintain IAPMO philosophy of a focused industries specific document to minimize the need for additional codes and standards.
- Coordinate and resolve conflicts among other green building and water efficiency program requirements.

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