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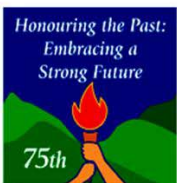
## LEAD ISSUE UPDATE

The Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH) reports the following updates with respect to lead in plumbing products:

- California Bills SB 1334 and SB 1395 have both been signed by Governor Schwarzenegger. SB 1334 proposed a change to the Health and Safety Code to require all pipe, pipe or plumbing fittings, solder or flux to be certified by an independent ANSI accredited third party. This creates a level playing field for all manufacturers to ensure they comply with the new law. SB 1395 relates to allowing a method of determining compliance through the California Department of Toxic and Substance Control (DTSC).
- The NSF Drinking Water Lead Task group has worked diligently to bring a new annex to NSF 61 designed to allow manufacturers a method to certify their product to comply with California's new lead law. The ballot has been passed by the joint committee. A new ballot has now moved forward to the Council of Public Health Consultants. This ballot will close mid-November. Assuming it passes, the new annex should be published before the end of December.
- Meanwhile, NSF is working closely with the California Department of Toxic and Substance Control to ensure their procedures and processes to measure compliance do not work at odds with the third-party certifiers.

CIPH will bring you further updates on this issue as necessary.

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