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ASSE Appoints Two New Members to Product Standards Committee

Westlake, Ohio, August 12, 2011 — The American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) has appointed two highly qualified new members to their Product Standards Committee: *James G. Kendzel, MPH, CAE*, Executive Director and CEO of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE) and *Abraham I. Murra*, Director of Standards Development for the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO).

As Executive Director and CEO of ASPE, an association comprised of over 6,500 plumbing engineers, Kendzel is responsible for the strategic direction of ASPE and oversight of all operations of the organization. His current and past involvement with like-associations, such as NSF International and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), adds to his resume and makes him a valuable asset to ASSE's Product Standards Committee, the consensus group responsible for directing and supervising all activities relating to the development and issuance of ASSE Product Performance Standards for devices, fixtures, appliances and materials pertaining to plumbing.

Murra, Director of Standards Development for IAPMO, an accredited testing and certification organization, and accredited codes and standards developer, is responsible for directing the development and maintenance of IAPMO Standards. His current position, along with his past experience working with organizations such as the Canadian Standards Institute (CSA) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), will add another level of expertise to ASSE's consensus body.

"I am personally very excited to have Jim Kendzel and Abraham Murra participate on this very important committee," said James Bickford, International President of ASSE. "ASSE continues to promote 'Prevention Rather Than Cure' by working closely with organizations that have similar goals as ASSE, such as ASPE and IAPMO."

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ASSE's current Product Standards Committee: Joseph Fugelo, Chairman, *Labov Co.*; Rand Ackroyd, *Rand Technical Consulting, LLC*; William Briggs, Jr., *MGJ Associates*; Maribel Campos, *ICC Evaluation Services*; Judson Collins, *Julyco Professionals*; Ron George, *PlumbTech Design and Consulting Services, LCC*; Steven Hazzard, *ASSE Staff Engineer*; John F. Higdon, P.E., *Apollo Valves / Conbraco Industries, Inc.*; James Kendzel, MPH, CAE, *American Society of Plumbing Engineers*; Chuck Lott, *Precision Plumbing Products*; Peter Marzec, *United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters*; Abraham I. Murra, *IAPMO R&T*; Brad Noll, *Wilkins / A Division of Zurn*; Thomas Pitcherello, *State of New Jersey*; Shabbir Rawalpindiwala, *Kohler Co.*; and Tsan-Liang Su, PhD, *Stevens Institute of Technology*.

About the American Society of Sanitary Engineering

ASSE is an ANSI Accredited standards developer and certification body that is comprised of individual and sustaining members who represent all disciplines of the plumbing industry. Its mission is to continually improve the performance, reliability and safety of plumbing systems. ASSE's product performance standards, professional qualifications standards, professional certification and product listing programs are developed in the interest of public health and the society's motto: "Prevention Rather Than Cure." For more information, visit <http://www.asse-plumbing.org>