

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Contact:** Tina Donda
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Ontario, Calif. (Feb. 9, 2017) — IAPMO R&T's Water Systems Certification Program, North America's premier third-party testing and certification body for water treatment products, is now offering an asbestos testing option to its customers. The new asbestos testing option is based on the performance requirements set in NSF/ANSI 53, *Drinking Water Treatment Units Health Effects*, which requires the removal of 99 percent of high-concentration asbestos fibers introduced to a water system. This latest offering from IAPMO R&T Water Systems is a cost-effective way to add an extra level of dependability to water systems products and ease consumer fears of asbestos contamination.

"Prior to IAPMO R&T Water Systems offering this option, there was only one lab that provided this testing," said Tina Donda, IAPMO R&T Vice President of Water Systems. "This new offering will increase the industry capacity for asbestos testing, at a fair price, and expand testing options available to water systems manufacturers."

The Water Systems program, which tests and certifies such products as point-of-use drinking water treatment units, systems and chemicals, microbiological purifiers, shower filters, and scale reduction devices, informs and provides the utmost confidence to regulators, inspectors, manufacturers, distributors, installers, engineers, and consumers that products have been tested and certified to all applicable standards. The Water Systems program touches upon all the hallmarks of IAPMO R&T's industry leading certification service — efficiency, affordability, attentiveness, trust, recognition, and integrity.

For more information about the new Water Systems asbestos testing option or getting products tested and certified to display IAPMO marks of conformity, visit www.iapmort.org/watersystems or contact Tina Donda at (708) 995-3018 or tina.donda@iapmort.org.

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