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IAPMO R&T Offers WaterSense® Certification for Showerheads

Ontario, Calif. (March 4, 2010) — The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) is now accepting low-flow showerheads into its WaterSense® product labeling program and IAPMO R&T is a manufacturer's best choice for achieving WaterSense® certification.

North America's premier plumbing and mechanical product certification agency has been a licensed provider of WaterSense® certification since 2007, certifying the first lavatory faucet to the standard in December of that year. To date, IAPMO R&T has certified more than 1,800 lavatory faucet and toilet models to the WaterSense® specifications.

As showering accounts for roughly 17 percent of residential indoor water use in the United States, low-flow showerheads seemed a natural progression in the WaterSense® program, which already included faucets and faucet accessories and high-efficiency toilets and flushing urinals. Products bearing the WaterSense® label must not only save water, but also perform as well or better than conventional models on the market.

Showerheads bearing the WaterSense® label will use no more than 2.0 gallons per minute (gpm), tested at a flowing pressure of 80 pounds per square in (psi). The standard also includes provisions dictating flow rate across a range of pressures, spray force and spray coverage.

Manufacturers wishing to have their showerheads identified as meeting the WaterSense® criteria must have them certified as such by a qualified third-party certification body such as IAPMO R&T, which is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as a provider of certification services to WaterSense® specifications for faucets and toilets.

"IAPMO R&T and the US EPA have fostered a strong partnership in the advancement of the agency's successful and popular consumer labeling program," said Shahin Moinian, senior director of IAPMO R&T. "The US EPA trusts IAPMO R&T to help administer its specification — and manufacturers trust us to help deliver the benefits of certification."

For more information on having products listed, contact Shahin.Moinian@IAPMORT.org or for more information on the WaterSense® program visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

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