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### **CIPH's Plumbing Industry Advisory Council Special Report on 2009 Activities**

Listed by members as a top priority, CIPH has developed and nurtured industry relationships to present a unified voice to regulators and legislators in order to represent the best interests of its members. This network of volunteer and staff involvement helps protect our members' interest and serve as an early warning system to alert us all when code change requests are required. Here are highlights of what the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council (PIAC) has accomplished over the last year on your behalf:

- CIPH has worked with the Province of Quebec to extend the deadline of their regulation for two new product standards (grease interceptors and certain drinking water treatment units) to December 2009.
- Co-hosted the Canadian Advisory Council on Plumbing (CACP) in Victoria. This event brings together Chief Provincial/Territorial Plumbing Inspectors, certification organizations, industry, Standards Council of Canada, Health Canada and Environment Canada to address codes and regulatory issues.
- Kept members up to date on public reviews taking place in various jurisdictions across Canada and with the National Plumbing Code.
- PIAC submitted public review comments on the proposed changes to the 2010 edition of the National Plumbing Code.
- CIPH works with North American water heater manufacturers to find workable and practical solutions to meet the Province of British Columbia's proposed regulations for residential water heaters in an effort to promote energy efficiencies and reduce greenhouse gas emissions for 2010.
- Met with CSA, Natural Resources Canada and the Provincial/Territorial Policy Advisory Committee on Codes (PTPACC) to educate them on CIPH regulatory initiatives and fragmentation of codes and standards.
- CIPH contributes funds up to \$80,000 and has gained wide-spread acceptance of our new plumbing inspectors' training program for Canada. A Memo of Understanding with CSA to co-develop and deliver it within the next 9 months has been signed.
- Worked with NSF on their Standard 61 Lead Task Force to ensure a new reference exists for product to be tested to, in order to meet California's new requirement.
- CIPH partnered with the Canadian Home Builders' Association to support water-use and energy efficiency as a new objective of the 2015 National Plumbing Code.
- Alerted CIPH water closet manufacturer members of Vancouver's new regulation on low-flow toilets. PIAC continues to lobby for changes to the regulation that will allow 4.8 lpf single-flush HET products to be installed, supporting water conservation efforts by the city.
- Worked with industry and the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association to begin proactively working towards including WaterSense requirements as part of the CSA B45 and B125 Standards.

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- Created new information bulletins on the importance of wholesalers and retailers stocking and promoting product that meets applicable certification standards, where they exist.
- Worked cooperatively with the Province of Ontario to mandate fire sprinklers in large residential buildings.
- MCA Canada and CIPH signed a Memorandum of Understanding in an effort to provide a mechanism for cooperation between the two associations.
- CIPH was part of the stakeholder consultations with the Province of Ontario as they attempt to draft a water conservation and efficiency strategy.
- CIPH hired Raman Chauhan, P. Eng, formerly of the Canadian Codes Centre, to be its Technical Advisor on regulatory initiatives.
- CIPH is lobbying the Canadian Codes Centre and the Provincial/Territorial Policy Advisory Committee on Codes to try and incorporate water-use efficiency and energy efficiency.
- CIPH is working with allied associations to create a national product stewardship program.
- An overview of the Canadian Standards System was posted under the “Codes & Standards” section of [www.ciph.com](http://www.ciph.com).
- CIPH is participating in discussions related to a national water efficiency labeling strategy that would include the use of the WaterSense logo.
- CIPH leads a coalition of 13 national trade associations to discuss the adverse impact of the current reforms being made in the Consumer Product Safety Act (Bill C-6). Presentation made to Standing Committee on Health.
- In addition to the initiatives listed above, PIAC members and CIPH staff continue to participate on and/or monitor several relevant codes and standards committees across North America involved in such topics as depressurization, venting construction, etc.
- CIPH works with HRAI to address Province of B.C. and Ontario’s Thermostat Recycling Plans by providing an Industry Stewardship Plan (ISP).
- CIPH works with allied associations in submitting a Brief to Prime Minister Harper to intervene on behalf of industry to reverse American protectionism.

If you have a code or regulations issue ... contact us ... CIPH can help!

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