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CSA B214 APPROVED TO BE REFERENCED AS ENFORCEABLE STANDARD

The Canadian Hydronics Council's Codes & Standards Committee Chair, Douglas McDonald (Uponor), recently attended the National Building Code's Standing Committee for Part 9 (Housing and Small Buildings) meeting in Vancouver, BC. At this meeting, the Committee voted in favour of referencing CSA B214 (Installation Code for Hydronic Heating Systems) as an enforceable standard.

The enforceability of CSA B214 is expected to greatly improve the quality of hydronic heating installations across Canada. "The Standard helps ensure that any customer receiving a hydronic installation has their system installed according to minimum requirements that have been established by technical experts from the industry," shares Richard Peck (Slant/Fin Ltd.), the Chair of the CSA B214 Technical Committee.

The decision by the Part 9 Standing Committee means that any jurisdiction in Canada that adopts the next edition of the National Building Code (set to be released in 2010) will have the ability to inspect and reject installations that do not meet the minimum standard.

The Canadian Hydronics Council (CHC) has been working with both CSA to develop the standard, and the Standing Committee who is responsible for referencing the standard, for several years. The Council would like to thank the many individuals who, over the years, have been responsible for the development of a technical document worthy of being referenced in Canada's National Building Code.

CHC was also pleased that its new publication, *The Canadian Hydronics Council Handbook on Hydronic Heating Systems* was also referenced as a best engineering practice by the Part 9 Standing Committee. The document is a design and installation guide that demonstrates best practices above and beyond minimum requirements in CSA B214.

Both documents are targeted towards contractors, designers, engineers, architects and regulatory inspectors. They can be purchased on CHC's website: <http://www.ultimatecomfort.ca/contractors/publications.html>

The Canadian Hydronics Council is a Council within the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating. CHC's mission is to promote the responsible growth and contribute to the prosperity of its members and their customers in the hydronic heating industry.

