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## ASSE Calls for Scald Awareness Task Group Participants

### A Task Group to Raise Awareness of Harmful Scalding Issues

**Westlake, Ohio, December 17, 2010** — The American Society of Sanitary Engineering's Scald Awareness Task Group is currently seeking new members to participate in the creation of their second white paper. This group carries the important purpose of raising awareness about the disfiguring and painful problems of scalding caused by improper or inadequate plumbing systems. The first white paper published by this group dealt with scald hazards associated with low-flow showerheads.

For their second white paper, the Scald Awareness Task Group hopes to raise awareness about issues relating to improper temperature settings for residential water heaters. Currently, there is a common misconception that the thermostat on residential water heaters should be used to control the final temperature at the tap or shower. This group hopes to inform the public of scalding issues and potential Legionella exposure when residential water heater thermostats are not set at the proper temperature. Through the research and knowledge of its volunteers, the Scald Awareness Task Group intends to explain why a water heater's thermostat should not control final water temperature and what happens when this practice is employed. The white paper will also include recommendations on how to properly control final water temperature.

This task group is currently open to any interested party. All of those interested in participating must complete an "Application for Committee/Working Group Membership" ([http://www.asse-plumbing.org/standards/Working Group App.pdf](http://www.asse-plumbing.org/standards/Working%20Group%20App.pdf)) and submit the completed application to Richard J. Prospal, Chairman of the Scald Awareness Task Group, via e-mail at: [RJProspal@asse-plumbing.org](mailto:RJProspal@asse-plumbing.org). All applications must be received no later than January 12, 2011.

The first meeting of this group is scheduled for January 19, 2011 at 2:00pm EST. All meetings will be conducted via WebEx conference call and will be limited to one hour per session.

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Current volunteers of the Scald Awareness Task Group include: Rand Ackroyd, Rand Technical Consulting; Esteban Cabello, JRED Engineering; Thomas Eberhardy, Bradley Corp.; Ron George, Ron George Design & Consulting Services; Steve Gregory, Vernet, Inc.; Bill Hall, Leonard Valve; Wayne Harrison, Wayne Harrison Consulting; Steve Hazzard, ASSE Staff Engineer; Tim Kilbane, Symmons; Carlos Rodriguez, Master Plumber - Balston Spa, NY; and Bob Tesar, ASSE Region 8 Director, ASSE Seal Control Board member.

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