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ASSE's RP/DC Backflow Standards Now Available

Westlake, Ohio, Sept. 26, 2011 — The American Society of Sanitary Engineering's (ASSE) revised RP/DC Backflow Standards are now available. On Aug. 17, 2011, the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) recognized ASSE's four RP/DC Backflow Standards as American National Standards. These Standards were approved by ASSE's Board of Directors on Aug. 9, 2011.

ASSE's RP/DC Backflow Standards include: ASSE Standard #1013-2011, *Performance Requirements for Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Preventers and Reduced Pressure Principle Fire Protection Backflow Preventers*; ASSE Standard #1015-2011, *Performance Requirements for Double Check Backflow Prevention Assemblies and Double Check Fire Protection Backflow Prevention Assemblies*; ASSE Standard #1047-2011, *Performance Requirements for Reduced Pressure Detector Fire Protection Backflow Prevention Assemblies*; and ASSE Standard #1048-2011, *Performance Requirements for Double Check Detector Fire Protection Backflow Prevention Assemblies*.

These four documents, which are the most stringent, comprehensive and detailed standards of their type, were updated from the previous 2009 versions for consistency with current editions of referenced standards and manuals, and to accommodate additional assembly sizes. The RP/DC Working Group, which developed this standard revision, included consultants, installers, manufacturers, users, distributors and representatives from ASSE, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), Factory Mutual (FM) and the USC Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research.

Each of the RP/DC Backflow Standards also allow for a one-year field evaluation for those jurisdictions that require it. Assemblies that successfully pass the ASSE One Year Field Test (1YT), which is performed by 1YT Testers who have met ASSE's rigorous qualifications, are marked with a specially designated ASSE 1YT Seal. For more information about ASSE's Product Listing Program and 1YT Program, please visit: <http://www.asse-plumbing.org>.

The recently ANSI Approved ASSE RP/DC Backflow Standards are currently available for purchase, in both electronic and hard-copy versions, at the ASSE Webstore (<http://stores.assewebstore.com>).

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ASSE is an ANSI Accredited standards developer and certification body that is comprised of individual and sustaining members who represent all disciplines of the plumbing industry. Its mission is to continually improve the performance, reliability and safety of plumbing systems. ASSE's product performance standards, professional qualifications standards, professional certification and product listing programs are developed in the interest of public health and the society's motto: "Prevention Rather Than Cure." For more information, visit <http://www.asse-plumbing.org>.