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ASSE Releases a White Paper to Address Scald Hazards Associated with Low-Flow Showerheads

Westlake, Ohio, October 7, 2010 — The American Society of Sanitary Engineering has released a white paper intended to bring attention to safety hazards associated with low-flow showerheads when used in conjunction with non-automatic compensating type shower valves. “Scald Hazards Associated with Low-Flow Showerheads: A White Paper” was developed by the American Society of Sanitary Engineering Scald Awareness Task Group; a group comprised of 24 industry professionals who have dedicated their time and expertise to this potentially lifesaving awareness effort.

In support of the Society’s motto, “Prevention Rather Than Cure,” this white paper is issued with the goal of preventing serious scald-related injuries, rather than deal with these injuries after the pain and damage has already been inflicted. “Scald Hazards Associated with Low-Flow Showerheads: A White Paper” covers the problems and hazards of using low-flow showerheads with non-automatic compensating type shower valves, examples of these problems, solutions to these problems, illustrative tables and graphs, statistics, and associated definitions.

“Scald Hazards Associated with Low-Flow Showerheads: A White Paper” can be viewed and downloaded online at: <http://www.asse-plumbing.org/ScaldHazards.pdf>

The American Society of Sanitary Engineering strongly encourages all industry professionals, industry associations, members of the media and those with a desire to protect the general public to join ASSE in disseminating this white paper and the important safety information it contains.

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