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## **A Call for Working Group Participants**

ASSE asks industry professionals to participate in the creation of the Series 12000, Professional Qualifications Standard for the Health and Safety of Plumbers and Pipetrade Professionals

**Westlake, Ohio, August 5, 2010** — The American Society of Sanitary Engineering is forming a working group for the creation of the ASSE Series 12000, Professional Qualifications Standard for the Health and Safety of Plumbers and Pipetrade Professionals. The working group, which will be chaired by ASSE International President Ron Murray, is being formed in order to develop a professional qualifications standard that will identify and address the needs of plumbing and pipetrade professionals who are subject to the exposure of hazardous pathogens through the course of employment.

The ASSE Series 12000 will focus on the effects that pathological diseases have on plumbing and pipetrade workers, the requirements for protecting plumbers and pipetrade workers from pathological diseases, the methods of preventing pathological diseases and the legal requirements for employees working in proximity to biohazards. The ASSE Series 12000 will also include health and safety practices for hazards relating specifically to the piping industry.

All interested parties, especially pipetrade professionals employed in hospitals, medical clinics, high-technology industries, construction fields and labor unions, are invited to participate. To become a member of this working group, interested parties must submit an application. All of those interested should direct their inquiries and applications to Marianne Waickman, ASSE Professional Qualifications Coordinator.

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