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ICC & APSP ANNOUNCE APPROVAL OF FIRST INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL & SPA CODE

Monumental New Code Benefits Industry & Regulators by Having One Uniform Set of Requirements for Construction of Public & Private Pools & Spas Across U.S.

(ALEXANDRIA, VA) – Marking nearly three years of extensive collaboration, the International Code Council (ICC) and the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP) announce the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) has been approved at the ICC final action hearings in Phoenix, October 31, 2011 and will be published March 2012.

“The ISPSC is important to all segments of the industry because it will reduce the potential for 50 individual state codes and creates one all inclusive uniform pool, spa and hot tub code that all localities and states can use,” said [Carvin DiGiovanni](#), APSP senior director, technical and standards. “It’s one of the most important developments for our industry in setting the groundwork for enhancing the safety of consumers, and increasing opportunities for industry companies to expand their markets by building and working with one uniform code.”

The core of the ISPSC is the incorporation of all the current American National Standards Institute/APSP Pool and Spa Standards that cover the design, installation and inspection of aquatic vessels (i.e., public swimming pools, public spas, permanently installed residential spas, aboveground/onground residential swimming pools, residential inground swimming pools, portable spas, aquatic recreational facilities, barriers for all residential pools and spas, and suction entrapment avoidance for these installations).

The development of the ISPSC was a result of APSP working with other standards groups, like Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) that have their own specific pool and spa standards, to develop cooperative language for final incorporation into this first

comprehensive swimming pool code. This new code incorporates safety provisions meeting the requirements of the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, as well as the latest industry best practices. APSP will work with the ICC to encourage state-wide adoption of the Code.

“By adopting the ISPSC, local municipalities and states have a ready-made and federally compliant code that enhances consumer safety and minimizes time and money in the development and tracking of separate state codes,” said [DiGiovanni](#). “Adoption of the ISPSC empowers manufacturers and builders to build confidently with a consistent code across all 50 states and beyond.”

“The next step is to get the ISPSC adopted locally or statewide,” said [Jennifer Hatfield](#) APSP director, government relations. “Members are encouraged to contact me if their local or state building codes are in the process of being updated or will be in the near future. We need to be proactive at the local level.”

For more information on the ISPSC, visit www.iccsafe.org.

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About APSP

APSP is the world’s largest international trade association representing the swimming pool, spa, and hot tub industry. Its mission is to promote consumer safety, and enhance the business success of its members. Members adhere to a code of business ethics and share a commitment to public health and safety in the use of pools, spas and hot tubs. Since 1985, APSP has been accredited by the American National Standards Institute as the recognized Standards Developing Organization to produce the nation’s swimming pool, spa and hot tub standards. APSP member companies include manufacturers, distributors, manufacturers’ agents, designers, builders, installers, suppliers, retailers and service professionals. For more information about APSP please visit APSP.org.