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## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Plumbing Code Advisory Council

DATE: May 9, 2011

PREPARED BY: Mark Kuechler, Regional Engineer

On May 9, 2011, a meeting of the Plumbing Code Advisory Council was held at Fassett Sales, 1101 E. Lincoln St., Bloomington. The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. and finished at 1:20 p.m. Three council members, Bev Potts, Garry Hinderliter and Gerald Tienstra, and three interested parties, Len Fassett, Dave Viola and Jim Majekowicz were present. Frank Shimkus and I represented the Department.

The meeting was called by Mr. Shimkus to review the revision to the Illinois Plumbing Code and related water conserving and sustainable plumbing regulations.

- I started the meeting and expressed our concern regarding the adoption of the 2011 Illinois Plumbing Code Green Supplement. I stated that I did not believe the Supplement could be used as an enforceable regulation due to the numerous open-ended provisions. I was mainly concerned about the provisions containing “when approved by the Department or local authority.”
- Bev Potts countered that the Supplement was a guideline and as such, compliance was optional.
- She further stated that Illinois needed provisions for “green” plumbing systems soon and that we could not wait for the code to be revised once again as I had proposed.
- Garry Hinderliter said that as a local plumbing inspector, he would have no problem enforcing the Supplement.
- Council members also stated that the Supplement was a way of getting our foot in the door and satisfying the demands of the public for “green” plumbing.
- Ms. Potts pointed out that the IAPMO Supplement was the basis for California Green (Cal-Green), a supplement to their plumbing code.
- I stated that Cal-Green did not permit the use of “On-site Treated Non-Potable Water.”
- Acknowledging the concerns of the council members, we agreed to include the Supplement in the Code and adopt it by reference on the condition that the references to “On-site Treated Non-Potable Water” were removed.
- The three council members agreed.

Mr. Shimkus and I told the council that we would forward to code and supplement to Mr. Runkle and Ms. Moody that week for further review and action.