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The Plumbing Council of Chicagoland Partners with the Regional Water Supply Planning Group to Address Water Conservation Issues

CHICAGO, IL – October 21, 2008 – The Plumbing Council of Chicagoland is proud to announce its partnership with the Regional Water Supply Planning Group of Illinois in conjunction with the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

Water is easily taken for granted and it is projected that by 2050, the water supply needs of the region may increase by as much as 57%. Research shows that drinkable water will become more and more scarce as we continue to consume at drastic levels and conservation is a necessary step for sustainability.

The mission of the committee is “to consider the future water supply needs of northeastern Illinois and develop plans and programs to guide future use that provide adequate and affordable water for all users, including support for economic development, agriculture and the protection of our natural ecosystems.”

The Plumbing Council Executive Director, Dan McLaughlin, serves on the Regional Water Supply Planning Group (RWSPG) as a representative of the Southwest Conference of Mayors and South Suburban Mayors and Managers in his capacity as Mayor of Orland Park. “The Plumbing Council Board was excited about participating in an issue that is extremely important to the region and related to our industry,” said McLaughlin. “Our members are aware of water conservation needs in our area and are equipping their businesses to encourage conservation and preservation of our water supply.”

The goal of the RWSPG is to produce a regional plan based on studies of future water demand and supply in the 11-county region to ensure availability of water through both drought and non-drought conditions; quality protection of ground and surface water used for drinking purposes; sufficient water availability for aquatic ecosystems; promotion of water appreciation among northeastern Illinois inhabitants; and managed protection of water sources.

The Plumbing Council of Chicagoland is dedicated to the health of the nation and is proud to be affiliated with the Regional Water Supply Planning Group of Northeastern Illinois.

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