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## **EPA Official Nancy Stoner to Deliver Keynote Address at International Emerging Technology Symposium (IETS)**

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Rolling Meadows, IL (April 17, 2014) —Nancy Stoner, the acting assistant administrator of the Office of Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will deliver the keynote address at the Fourth International Emerging Technology Symposium (IETS), April 23-24, in Arlington, Va.

Co-convened by eight organizations —PMI, American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating (CIPH), International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), Mechanical Contractors Association of America and Plumbing Contractors of America (MCAA/PCA), Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors National Association (PHCC), United Association (UA), and World Plumbing Council (WPC) — the two-day symposium at the Crystal Gateway Marriott enables participants to hear presentations on how the manufacturing, engineering and trade industries are tackling challenges and devising innovative products and practices in the areas of water and energy efficiency, sanitation and health, water reuse, solar and other renewable energies, new efficiencies in HVAC and numerous other timely topics.

Stoner leads the EPA's work in protecting the nation's water resources. Under her leadership, the EPA's Office of Water is responsible for the safety of drinking water for 290 million Americans and the agency's work to protect the nation's streams, rivers, lakes and coastal waters. Stoner also oversees the EPA's successful WaterSense® consumer product labeling program, which offers Americans a simple way to use less water through the use of clearly identified water-efficient products in their homes.

Following graduation from the University of Virginia and Yale Law School, Stoner's career in environmental policy and law began in 1987 as a trial attorney in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She then served as director of the EPA's Office of Policy Analysis in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and at the Natural Resources Defense Council as co-director of the Water Program.

"We are extremely pleased to have Ms. Stoner open the discussion during this pivotal industry-shaping event," said IAPMO CEO GP Russ Chaney. "Ms. Stoner's experiences in shaping water policy in America will no doubt prove enlightening to participants at the symposium, but will also set a tone of possibility and necessity as we address real concerns and how our industry can address them in a proactive and positive manner."

Worldwide sponsors include PMI Member Companies American Standard Brands and TOTO USA along with KEMPER Hygiene System, National Inspection Testing Certification (NITC), Piping Industry Progress & Education (P.I.P.E.), SureSeal and Viega.

Registration to attend the full event is \$595 (\$495 for members of the co-convening organizations) and includes lunch and refreshment breaks. One-day registration is available for \$360 (\$300 for



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members). Hotel reservations can be made directly with the Crystal Gateway Marriott. There will be a networking reception the evening of the symposium's first day at 101 Constitution Ave. Rail passes will be provided to attendees.

For more information and to register, please visit the PMI homepage at [www.pmihome.org](http://www.pmihome.org).

**About PMI:** Plumbing Manufacturers International is the voluntary, not-for-profit international industry association of manufacturers of plumbing products, serving as the Voice of the Plumbing Industry. Member companies produce a substantial quantity of the nation's plumbing products.

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- To represent openly the member's interests and advocate for sound environmental and public health policies in the regulatory/legislative processes.
- To enhance the plumbing industry's growth and expansion.

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