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Plumbing Manufacturers International Applauds EPA Decision to Sustain Current WaterSense Specifications

McLean, Va. – April 8, 2020 – <u>Plumbing Manufacturers International</u> (PMI) applauds the EPA's decision to sustain current <u>WaterSense</u> specifications after the agency's 2019 review required by America's Water Infrastructure Act.

"PMI applauds the wise decision of the EPA to sustain current WaterSense specifications," PMI CEO/Executive Director Kerry Stackpole said. "These specifications have enabled PMI members to create high-performing WaterSense faucets, showerheads, toilets and urinals for consumers and businesses across America.

"EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler and the entire EPA WaterSense team can take great pride in their comprehensive review and their willingness to engage a broad range of stakeholders to examine and explore critical issues and deliver the best outcome for the specification review." he continued.

Most residences and businesses have WaterSense showerheads and bathroom faucets and many have WaterSense toilets, according to the 2019 WaterSense Market Penetration Report by GMP Research, commissioned by PMI.

Nearly 30,000 products produced by plumbing manufacturers have received the WaterSense label. These products are certified to be at least 20 percent more water efficient than products meeting the federal water-efficiency standard and to perform as well as or better than regular models. For over a decade, the WaterSense program has received the strong support of more than 2,000 organizations including PMI and its members, water utilities, nonprofits, retailers, distributors, home builders, plumbers and manufacturers.

About Plumbing Manufacturers International

Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) is the trade association of plumbing product manufacturers that produce more than 90 percent of the United States' plumbing products, represent more than 150 iconic brands, and develop safe, reliable and innovative water-efficient plumbing technologies. PMI members contribute more than 464,000 jobs and \$85.5 billion in economic impact to America's economy.

With a vision of safe, responsible plumbing – always, PMI advocates for plumbing product performance contributing to water efficiency and savings, sustainability, public health and safety, and consumer satisfaction. PMI members manufacture water-efficient toilets, urinals, faucets, showerheads and other products at more than 70 locations across the country and market them online and in more than 24,000 home improvement stores, hardware stores and showrooms in all 50 states. For more information on PMI, contact the organization at 1750 Tysons Blvd., Ste. 1500, McLean, Va., 22102; tel.: 847-481-5500; fax: 847-481-5501. www.safeplumbing.org.