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World Plumbing Day:

The World Plumbing Council has chosen to create **World Plumbing Day**, to be celebrated on 11 March each year. The inaugural event will take place in 2010 and will be formally announced at a press conference in Beijing, China.

WPC Chairman Robert Burgon says that this annual event has been established to help the general public better understand the vital role the plumbing industry plays in protecting public health and safety, the extent to which it helps limit mankind's environmental footprint and other important work performed by contractors, inspectors, installers, engineers, manufacturers and academicians that is often taken for granted.

As a means of promoting World Plumbing Day worldwide a dedicated website www.worldplumbingday.org has been established to assist WPC member organisations, as well as any other parties interested in promoting the globally important role of plumbing,

The World Plumbing Council recognises that for this inaugural event the short lead time may have restricted participation although there are numerous events planned around the world including in Australia. Planning for 2011 will start almost immediately with the intent to next year post documents and information on the World Plumbing Day Website far in advance of 11 March 2011. The website will include a listing of activities arranged to celebrate the Day throughout the world and also fact sheets and other promotional information to encourage organisations to plan activities celebrating World Plumbing Day in their own countries. All plumbers and plumbing organisations are encouraged to celebrate their World Day as participation is not limited to members of WPC only.

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World Plumbing Council to meet in Australia:

The World Plumbing Council (WPC) will hold its March 2010 meeting in Sydney, New South Wales on 15 and 16 March. WPC Full Member Master Plumbers and Mechanical Contractors Association of NSW is assisting with out of meeting functions for our global visitors and will also host a half day symposium on Wednesday 17 March. The WPC moves its meeting venues around the world to gain exposure to existing and prospective members and to glean local knowledge for inclusion in various projects. The previous visit to Australia was Perth in 2004 where they were hosted by the IPA and followed by the 2005 Triennial Conference in New Zealand.

Congratulations – IPA Member wins prestigious Award

Long time IPA Member and Industry stalwart Tim Swift has guided his company Pipeline Hydraulics to take out the “2009 Plumbers Licensing Board Construction Plumbing Business of the Year Award” at the Master Plumbers & Gasfitters Association of WA 2009 Awards for Excellence. Tim says that Pipeline Hydraulics is very proud and honoured to win this award because it shows our focus to our clients and staff and what can be achieved when everyone works together

Product Safety Recall:



Rheem Australia Pty Ltd

ABN 21 098 823 511

28 January 2010

Dear Member

We are writing to inform you that we have initiated a product safety recall for a number of Rheem heavy duty commercial indoor gas water heaters that will have been installed after 1st July 2008.

The affected models are the 275 Litre Rheem Heavy Duty Commercial Indoor Gas Water Heaters 621275N0 and 621275P0 and are subject to recall as detailed in the recall notice reproduced below. The products have been distributed throughout Australia.

We have become aware that under extended operating conditions the outer jacket temperature of the water heater can exceed safe temperatures. If this occurs, there could be a risk of contact burn for people that come into direct contact with the outer jacket of the water heater. There is also the potential for combustion of materials that are inappropriately stored against or near the water heater.

To date, there have been no reported injuries and this recall is being undertaken as a precautionary measure.

Rheem will be undertaking on site service modifications on all affected heaters to eliminate the issue described above. This service will be conducted free of charge.

Our immediate priority is to contact the owners of these units in order to make them aware of the issue and to advise them on the management of the units until an on-site service call and modification can be made.

As a party that may have been involved in the specifying or installation of one of these units, you may be aware of the installation address or contact details for any affected installations. If you are able to provide us with this information, or alternatively, put us in contact with someone who can, please email the details to us at commercialgas@rheem.com.au or fax us on 02 9684 9188.

The affected units can be most readily identified by the date of manufacture. Details of the affected units are as follows:

Item	Details
Model Number	621275N0 or 621275P0
Date of Manufacture	1 July 2008 to 20 November 2009 inclusive

These details are located on the product's label located on the upper part of the product's outer jacket.

If you are contacted seeking advice on this issue, please advise the owners to immediately remove any combustible materials within the proximity of the water heater and to take steps to ensure that no-one comes into contact with the water heater. Once this is complete they are to call Rheem on 1800 063 018 to arrange a free onsite product modification.

To further facilitate a response from owners of these units Rheem has placed the following advertisement in major metropolitan daily newspapers:



Product Safety Recall



**275 Litre Rheem Heavy Duty
Commercial Indoor Gas Water Heater
Models 621275NO and 621275PO**

**Products manufactured from 1 July 2008
up to and including 20 November 2009**

If your 275 Litre Rheem **Heavy Duty Commercial** Indoor Gas Water Heater model number 621275NO or 621275PO looks similar to the unit below and was manufactured from 1 July 2008 up to and including 20 November 2009, then this is likely to be an affected unit. Model numbers and dates of manufacture can be found on the product label located at the top of the heater jacket.

Defect Detail:

Under extended operating conditions the outer jacket temperature of the water heater can exceed safe temperatures. If this occurs, there could be a risk of contact burn for people that come into direct contact with the outer jacket of the water heater. There is also the potential for combustion of materials that are inappropriately stored against or near the water heater.



Consumer Action:

Immediately remove any combustible materials within the proximity of the water heater and take steps to ensure that no-one comes into contact with the water heater. Once this is done, please call toll free on **1800 063 018** between the hours of 8.00 am and 8.00 pm AEDST. Rheem will be arranging to undertake on site service modifications in order to eliminate the potential risk associated with the water heater. These modifications will be made free of charge.

Rheem Australia Pty Ltd, 1 Alan St Rydalmere NSW 2112
ABN: 21 098 823 511 **Email:** commercialgas@rheem.com.au

**See www.recalls.gov.au for
Australian Product Recall Information**

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Please be assured that Rheem is taking all necessary actions to resolve this issue as fast as possible.

We further appreciate any support you may be able to provide, as detailed above.

Yours Sincerely

Tony Thornton
National Service Manager, Rheem Australia

Australian National Plumbing Forum 2010 – Melbourne:

Once again the IPA will be at Designbuild 2010 and The Plumbing Show to be held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on 23 to 25 June 2010. For those of you planning to visit Melbourne at that time keep Thursday 24 free to attend both the Show and the IPA Australian National Plumbing Forum 2010 with the theme of:

Sharing experiences in water conservation

Programme and Registration details will be made available early 2010.

The International Emerging Technology Symposium:

This is the second symposium to be hosted by IAPMO and World Plumbing Council and will run 11 and 12 May 2010 at the Doubletree Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario, California.

What is it?

This two-day event will provide participants with an opportunity to view presentations and engage in timely discussions on how the water utility, manufacturing, engineering and trade industries have found solutions through emerging technologies in the water efficiency, plumbing and mechanical industries.

This event is a follow-up to the overwhelmingly successful inaugural Emerging Technologies Symposium that was held in Chicago in August of 2008 and is designed to provide a portal for IAPMO's partners to display and demonstrate their innovative solutions to water and energy efficiency related needs and regulatory development. Presentations and panels will discuss emerging trends, practices and products.

IAPMO is seeking sponsors, presenters and panelists to participate in the symposium; especially experts in the following fields:

- Water Quality, Sanitation and Health
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- Water Reuse
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- Water and Embedded Energy
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- Solar, Geothermal and other renewable technologies
- New Technologies in Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) Discharge Mitigation
- Other topics as suggested by participants

Goals of the Emerging Technology Symposium

- Provide outstanding networking opportunities to meet experts in the fields of water and energy efficiency.
- Expose participants to emerging products and practices.

- Exchange views on new trends in the industry.
- Share ideas and approaches on bringing emerging technologies to market
- Discuss innovative green plumbing and mechanical concepts
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- Provide a vision for a more efficient future for plumbing and mechanical systems.

To view video excerpts from the inaugural Emerging Technology Symposium, visit:
www.iapmovideos.org <<http://ls.iapmo.info/t/618521/855770/5710/0/>>

If you would like to join us at this revolutionary symposium or if you have any questions, please contact:

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Your input into this Newsletter and other IPA matters is always welcome and in fact sort after. If you are not already a member why not join and really help us provide a voice for plumbers and plumbing. Simply email the Secretary below.

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