



# The International Code Council's PMG Newsletter

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## Welcome!

In 2024, the ICC PMG Team continued to strengthen its role as a global leader in plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas solutions. We published leadership articles in several major industry publications, strengthened ties with contractors through our sponsorships of American Plumber Stories and ServiceTitan's Elite Trades Championship Series and advanced our reputation as a premier training resource for codes and standards.

This year also saw the launch of this PMG Newsletter, showcasing the Code Council's dedication to innovation and industry excellence.

These achievements would not have been possible without the PMG Team (Richard Anderson, Jim Cika, Mark Fasel, Gary Gauthier, Ramiro Mata, Lisa Reiheld and Tom Roberts), which I am blessed to be a part of.

I would also like to thank the Code Council's Communications Team (Donna Campbell, Michael Nystrom, Heather Candella and Sophie Campolo) that helps to ensure the PMG Newsletter is published every other month.

Finally, thank you to the subscribers of the newsletter who make the hard work of putting it together so rewarding.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

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**The Latest from the PMG Team**



## The Code Council's 30th Anniversary Highlights Three Decades of Plumbing Safety, Water Conservation and More

From the creation of the International Plumbing Code to the development of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, the Code Council has grown significantly in its advocacy and work in the plumbing space.

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## The Windsor Summit and Declaration: A Landmark Event for the Plumbing Industry

In a historic gathering at Windsor Castle in the United Kingdom on Nov. 1, 2024, the Windsor Summit brought together top plumbing and bathroom industry leaders from around the world. The summit aimed to address two critical global challenges: water scarcity and antimicrobial resistance.

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## What You Need to Know: EPA's Emissions Reduction and Reclamation Program for HFC Refrigerants

The Emissions Reduction and Reclamation (ER&R) program is the latest in a series of programs that the EPA has enacted under the authority of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020 (AIM Act) to handle HFC refrigerants.

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## UPDATE – EPA's Technology Transitions Program

Here we outline the latest update to the EPA's rules and regulations for the Technology Transitions Program related to A2L refrigerants. Earlier this month the EPA issued a subsequent final rule addressing technology transitions restrictions on the use of HFCs in the variable refrigerant flow (VRF) air conditioning subsector.

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## International Code Council's 2024 Annual Conference: A Focus on Plumbing

This October, the PMG Technical Resource Team joined nearly 3,000 building safety professionals from around the globe at the Code Council's 2024 Annual Conference, Expo and Committee Action Hearings at the Long Beach Convention Center in California.

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## Gregory's Deep Dive into Pool Safety Earns Him Code Council's 2024 PMG Leadership Award

The Code Council's PMG Leadership Award honors an individual or organization for exceptional service to the plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas and swimming pool industry.

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## **New Features for the Code Council’s Member Community to Roll Out in 2025**

The platform is already thriving, with over 4,000 users engaging in meaningful discussions, mentorships and collaborations. As the Member Community continues to grow, it promises to be an essential tool for building safety professionals, fostering innovation and leadership across the field.

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## **The Code Council’s PMG Resource Team's Dedication to Supporting the Next Generation of Trade Professionals**

With a strong focus on empowering the next generation of skilled trade professionals, the team has embraced its role as a guiding force in fostering excellence within the PMG disciplines.

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## WorldSkills Australia Regional Competition: Spotlight on Plumbing and Heating in Australia

Tom Roberts, Global Director of PMG for the Code Council, was invited to participate as a judge of the Australian Capital Territory plumbing and heating competition. The competition, held every two years, is designed to identify and nurture the best talent in the plumbing and heating industry.

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### Code Council News

- [Save the Date: Spring CEU and Networking Events, Plus Code Hearings](#)
- [Upcoming PMGMC – Governing Committee Meeting: January 15, 2025](#)
- [Registration Open for the 2025 Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute](#)

### Global Industry News

- [2025 Plumbing Industry Outlook - Reasons to be Optimistic](#)
- [“Talking Buildings” a CIBSE ANZ’s Industry Podcast](#)
- [Registration Open: Findings from the Independent Advisory Panel for Single-Family Water Reuse Applications Report Webinar](#)

### PMG Hot Topics

- [Preparing for A2L Refrigerants](#)
- [HVAC Efficiency Requirements](#)
- [Advancements in the Implementation of Hydrogen Fuel](#)
- [Water Reuse in the 21st Century](#)

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