

APRIL - MEETING AGENDA

DATE:

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

WHERE:

Plumbing Industry Training Center
in Troy, MI

5:00 PM - 5:50 PM

Commissioning Plumbing Systems /
Intro to backflow testing

5:50 PM - 6:15 PM

Vendor Table Top Presentations

6:15 PM

Dinner Service

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Backflow Testing (4 types) /
with Live Demonstrations

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

IN-PERSON: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aspe-emc-april-2024-technical-program-tickets-871806686267>

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William Grayzar, CPD, GPD, FASPE President of ASPE EMC



Members of EMC-ASPE, please join me in welcoming our newest chapter member **Jon Jianette** with **IMEG**. Welcome, Jon! Chapter members, if you see Jon at one of our upcoming chapter meetings please be sure to introduce yourself.

Congratulations to Josh Pedraja, the “Where’s Waldo of the EMC-ASPE” and the winner of the 2024 NASPE Race, promoting “World Plumbing Day”. World Plumbing Day (March 11th) was

developed to educate youth on plumbing and honor local plumbers. When it comes to water usage, the top three major uses of water globally are Agriculture, Industrial and Domestic. Agriculture being the largest, accounting for approximately 70% of the total global usage. However, in developed countries Industrial ranks as the largest usage. Agriculture also takes first as top source of water contamination in rivers and streams, comes is second in the contamination of wetlands and ranks third in the contamination of lakes.

EMC-ASPE Chapter Elections are coming up this month. The annual chapter's elections will be held electronically in April 2024. At the May 2024 EMC-ASPE Chapter meeting the newly elected Chapter Board will be recognized with installments becoming effective June 30th, 2024. As a chapter member, I ask that when you receive the electronic ballot, please support our local chapter and exercise your right to vote for next year's chapter board.

Also coming in April is national “Hug a Plumber Day”. On April 25, this year and every year, we recognize those men and women who perform the difficult and often unpleasant task of keeping our plumbing systems clean and functional.

For members planning on taking the **CPD Exam**, the deadline to complete your eligibility form to receive a registration link is **March 31, 2024**. Registration for the 2024 CPD Exam, being held on April 15 and 16, must be completed by **April 1st, 2024**. If you plan to take the exam, please do not forget to complete the eligibility form and to register for the exam.

Members, if you are already CPD Certified and require bi-annual renewal in 2024, please make sure to obtain your required CEUs and complete your renewal electronically.

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APRIL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, **April 2, 2024** @ 4:30pm
Online Meeting

APRIL PROGRAM

Tuesday, **April 9, 2024** 5pm - 7:30pm
Plumbing Industry Training Center,
1911 Ring Drive, Troy, MI 48083

MBPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tues, **April 30, 2024**
Madison Heights, MI 48071
See flyer on pg. 14

WOA NEW IN-PERSON SEMINAR

Tuesday, **May 3, 2024**, 9am - 2pm
ASPE Headquarters
6400 Shafer Court
Rosemont, IL 60018
See flyer on pg. 9

ASPE EMC GOLF OUTING

Tuesday, **June 11, 2024**
The Links of Novi
Flyer on pgs. 10 - 11

President's Report (cont. from page 1)

Bill Grayzar, CPD, GPD

You may do so through the National Society's website at "aspe.org". before the April 30th deadline. If you are having any issues with renewal, please feel free to contact any member of the EMC-ASPE Board, we will be happy to assist you.

Looking to June the chapter will be holding its annual planning meeting for the 2024-2025 program of design classes and technical sessions. If you have any topics you would like to see presented at one of our chapter meetings, please pass the topic along to one of the board members or better yet attend the meeting in June in person and present your suggestion to the board yourself and/or take part in planning next year's calendar of events.

Also coming in June is EMC-ASPE's annual **Golf Outing** being held June 11, 2024, at the Links of Novi. Start getting your team(s) and/or sponsorships ready! (refer to flyer within this newsletter for more information).

I look forward to seeing you at the Plumbing Industry Training Center (PITC) on April 9, 2024 for our next design class and "hands-on" technical session covering "Backflow Prevention and Testing" which will include a "Live Backflow Test Demonstration". I look forward to seeing you there!

Bill



APRIL DESIGN SESSION

5:00-5:50 PM

TOPIC: Commissioning Plumbing Systems / Intro to Backflow Testing

Presenter: **RON GEORGE**, CPD

Plumb-Tech Design & Consulting Services LLC, President



Ron George

Description: This course will provide an overview covering commissioning of plumbing systems and provide an introduction to the various types of backflow prevention devices to protect the building and city water services. We will discuss the intended use and application for each type of backflow device and the importance of periodic backflow testing. We will briefly

review consequences where devices have been improperly utilized or installed or where devices have failed.

Mr. George is the president of Plumb-Tech Design & Consulting Services LLC and oversees all operations and oversees all design and consulting projects. Mr. George is very familiar with the plumbing and mechanical codes and standards and sits on numerous plumbing & mechanical codes and standards committees. He has over 40 years of experience designing plumbing and mechanical systems for several major architectural, engineering, and design & construction firms. He has served as an expert witness in many cases and performs forensic investigations all around the United States. He has designed plumbing, mechanical, and fire protection systems for building types including airports, stadiums, industrial manufacturing facilities, office buildings, commercial and retail buildings, hospitals, laboratories, prisons, jails, hotels, apartment buildings, military projects, high rise and educational facilities. www.Plumb-Techllc.com and www.Legionellaprevention.org and www.scaldprevention.org.

New This Year:

Design classes will be centered around the CPD Exam- attend all 7 classes and receive a CPD Study Guide.

About Registration and CEUs:

You will need to register using an Eventbrite link that will be in the email. This allows us to know how many people we can expect. We require sign in/sign out sheets and your CEUs will be submitted to national within 1 week of our event. It may take up to another 2 weeks for the CEUs to show in your ASPE Education log. The PITC does have guest protocols we will have to obey in order to meet there, so please follow all posted signage and procedures.

APRIL TECHNICAL SESSION

6:30-7:30 PM

TOPIC: Backflow Testing (4 types) – Live Demonstrations

Presenter: **RYAN LYLE**

Plumbing Industry Trainnig Center Director



Ryan Lyle

Description: If you are a person who learns from doing this a technical session you won't want to miss. This will be an interactive "Hands-On" technical session beginning with a live backflow testing demonstration performed by the Local 98 Apprentices in the shop area of the PITC, after which the meeting participants will be allowed to show off their skills performing their own backflow test supervised by the

Local 98 Apprentices.

Mr. Ryan Lyle a 20-year member of Plumbers Local 98. Mr. Lyle has had the pleasure of working on many different aspects of the plumbing industry. His career began with mainly heavy commercial plumbing installations. In 2008, he began to focus on industrial plumbing applications and began instructing at the Training center on a part time basis. In 2016, he transitioned to a full-time instructor giving instruction on every facet of the plumbing trade. In February 2021 he became the Director of Training for the Metropolitan Detroit Plumbing Industry Training Center. In addition, he is honored to serve on several committees, is a member of ASSE, serves on the Cross Connection Control Technical Committee, and on the State of MI and District 2 apprenticeship contest committees for plumbing, for the United Association.

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VP Technical Report

Pam Hartsell, CPD, PMP



Greetings, Eastern Michigan!

It's April, and April Showers make me think of...Rainwater Harvesting! How about you?

Our March Meeting on Fire Protection was very well received! Many thanks to EMC President Bill Grayzar for delivering his third Design Class this season, along with

leading the Board and Chapter, participating in ASPE at the National Level, and also serving on numerous other committees related to code study and development within the plumbing industry.

Phil Gunning of Victaulic's Fire Protection group deserves a round of applause for pinch-hitting the second part of the evening with a great presentation on how things burn and how droplet size impacts performance in a sprinkler system. It was full of interesting information and impactful videos, and we are so thankful that Phil was available once we learned our scheduled presenter could no longer make it. It was definitely a best-case scenario for having to make that last minute change!

Our annual Pinewood Derby Car Race – NASPE, also took place in March. The race was in of World Plumbing Day, which falls on March 11th – Every Year, Everywhere! Congratulations to all the winners!

If you're not on our Eventbrite mailing list, please let me know asap! In the meantime, you can register for the meeting with this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aspe-emc-april-2024-technical-program-tickets-871806686267>

Once again, if you have a volunteer spirit, and a passion for all things plumbing - please consider joining our board. It's the perfect place to give back to your ASPE community!

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Your Chapter VP Tech,

Pam Hartsell

vpt.aspe.emc@gmail.com



CPD Examination

2024 CPD Exam Dates: April 15–26

Deadline to register is April 1, 2024

To receive a registration link, please fill out the eligibility form

Click [HERE](#) to access the eligibility form.

VP Membership Report

Josh Pedraja, ASSE 6060



We want to welcome in two new members to our Chapter and ASPE Family; **Jon Jianette** of IMEG and **Douglas Miller** of Shoner Mechanical!! Welcome to the ASPE Family!!

It's hard to believe that we are almost through another season of ASPE Chapter Meetings with two to go! For current members who haven't been to a meeting yet this year, we have some great topics left for April and May. For any non-members, it's never too late to sign up and participate in the best chapter within ASPE!

With spring in the air, it's time to think about GOLF!! As other chapters are preparing for their outings, (Western Michigan has theirs next month in Caledonia, just south of Grand Rapids) we are too! Our 2nd Annual Golf Outing is now open for registration, and we have changed the way we setup registration for this year. Instead of the Google form last year, simply complete the second page registration and submit it to our Golf Committee via email. Invoices will be generated to be paid by credit card (Square) or by check if your firm or company prefers to pay by check. We hope to see everyone in June at the Links of Novi!

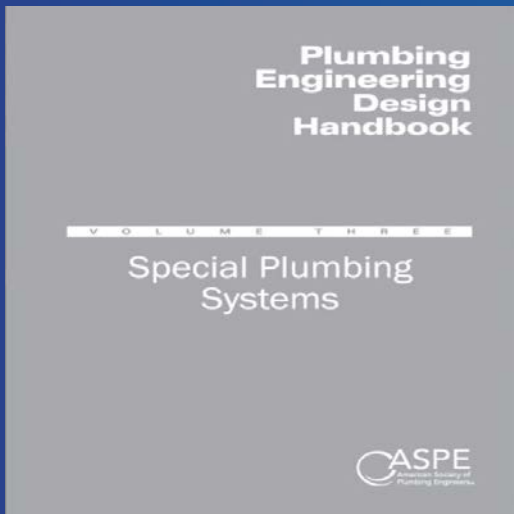
Golf update 2024: EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Registration for our 2nd Annual Golf Outing is now open with Early Bird Pricing!! Take advantage of the price savings by signing up today! Even if you do not have a complete team assembled yet, register, and hold your spot and let the Golf Committee know at a later date who will be on your Team. Please see the form in this month's newsletter for Sponsorship Opportunities, complete the second page and return by email send to: golf.aspe.emc@gmail.com

You will then receive an invoice from our Treasurer. The golf outing will be on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, and will be held again at The Links of Novi.

Connect with and Follow us on LinkedIn (ASPE Eastern Michigan Chapter). We have up to date announcements and different posts that are educational, entertaining and informative on current events happening in our Plumbing World!

Membership renewal! If you are up to renew your membership, remember to do it today! We don't want to see you go!! There is a new option to be a part of multiple chapters! If you are interested, please keep The Eastern Michigan Chapter as your home chapter and signup for as many others as you wish for only \$80 per chapter. You can also take advantage of Multiple-Year Membership Renewal. Save on your ASPE membership dues if you join or renew for more than one year! • 5% Discount for a two-year renewal. • 10% Discount for a three-year renewal.

Current Members: Let's not forget our mission to bring in fresh faces – we're all about embracing and empowering younger members. They bring new energy and ideas that keep us on our toes and moving forward. Together, we're building something fantastic here, and we're grateful for each one of you who's part of it. I feel this is a great time to challenge you to invite someone to join our chapter! As always, the Eastern Michigan Chapter of ASPE is looking for new members! Do YOU know of any?? Anyone that would benefit in Plumbing Technical Publications – Plumbing Convention and Technical Symposia – Certifications in Plumbing Design – Plumbing Codes and Legislation – Continued Education Programs and networking with peers throughout the plumbing industry. Please send them my email address and we'll get them signed up with this great organization. vpm.aspe.emc@gmail.com



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Member Birthdays

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Tucker	4-02
Brandon Watts	4-05
Will Parker	4-07
Dustin Gardner	4-10
Aaron Sturos	4-13
Theresa Card	4-14
Alfred Culbreath	4-15
Haruka Iwasaki	4-29

* Member birthday list provided by VP Membership, Josh Pedraja

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- » Where: 6400 Shafer Court, Rosemont, IL 60018
- » When: Friday, May 3, 2024 // 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (includes a one-hour lunch break at noon)
- » Cost: \$100 (ASPE Member) // \$150 (nonmember)

Register at:

education.aspe.org/products/your-dynamic-dream-roadmap



Presented by:

Candy Barone

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EASTERN MICHIGAN

SECOND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024



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EASTERN MICHIGAN

SECOND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024



THE LINKS OF NOVI
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REGISTRATION FORM

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7:30-9:15AM: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS AT THE TURN

2:30PM: DINNER SALAD, ROLLS, NY STRIP STEAK, VEGETABLE, POTATO, COOKIES & SOFT DRINKS

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MICHIGAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION MBPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

Tuesday, April 30, 2024
Early Bird Registration Ends April 12, 2024

Club Venetian
29310 John R Rd
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Conference Agenda

This year's conference will concentrate on the art of backflow repairs.

Topics Include:

- Learn about the most current models of backflow prevention assemblies.
- Review basic troubleshooting techniques of the reduced pressure principle assembly and double check valve assembly.
- Develop a guideline for the repair process.
- Identify and learn the function of the internal components.
- Step by step instruction on the disassembly and repair the RPA, DCA, RPDA, DCDA and PVB (manufacturer and model specific).
- **BONUS: Get the latest backflow updates from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy Department (EGLE).**

Fee Structure

Conference Fees

MBPA Members

Early Bird	100.00*
After April 12	115.00*

Non-Members

Early Bird	115.00*
After April 12	130.00*

* Conference fee includes free calibration of one (1) backflow preventer test kit for **MBPA members only**.

Vendor / Supplier Booth	130.00
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** does not include Conference fee

REGISTER HERE

If registration link doesn't work, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mbpa-annual-backflow-prevention-conference-2024-tickets-729676571267?aff=oddtcreator>

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Michigan Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Credentials

Frequently Asked Questions

Revised August 30, 2023

The following questions relate to the joint [interpretive statement](#) by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) and the Michigan Department Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The statement was sent on July 13, 2023, via a LARA email subscription list to licensed plumbers.

- **What is EGLE's involvement in this issue?**

EGLE's Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division (DWEHD) regulates cross connection control programs at public water supplies. One requirement of a cross connection control program is the testing of backflow prevention assemblies. This issue impacts who can legally test backflow prevention assemblies in Michigan and, therefore, impacts public water suppliers and EGLE's approach to determining compliance.

- **What prompted this change?**

There has been no change in the law. A question was raised to the State Plumbing Board regarding what activities constitute the practice of plumbing under the Michigan Skilled Trades Regulation Act, 2016 PA 407, as amended, (STRA). According to the BCC's interpretation, the practice of plumbing includes the testing of backflow prevention assemblies.

- **When does this go into effect?**

There has been no change in the STRA, so it is in effect now. Therefore, public water supplies are advised by EGLE to ensure local testing activity is in accordance to the law. However, EGLE acknowledges the impact this interpretation will have in some parts of the state and the public health importance of testing backflow preventers. EGLE intends to allow a phase-in

period of 12 months (July 31, 2024) before we actively pursue enforcement under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). EGLE has also contacted state testing schools so they can make their prospective students aware.

- **Who made this change?**

There has been no change in the STRA. However, based on the question raised to the State Plumbing Board and review of the STRA and the Michigan Plumbing Code, the BCC came to this conclusion.

- **Does this mean I cannot test backflow preventers anymore?**

That depends on an individual's credentials. For a public water supply official to accept backflow prevention testing results, the tester must be a master plumber, journey plumber, or apprentice plumber working under direct supervision of a journey plumber or master plumber and have a valid American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE) 5110 certification.

- **Do I still need ASSE-5110 certification to test in Michigan?**

Yes. For a public water supply official to accept backflow prevention testing results, the tester must be a master plumber, journey plumber, or apprentice plumber working under direct supervision of a journey plumber or master plumber and have a valid ASSE 5110 certification. Refer to Rule 1405 (R 325.11405) of the SDWA, 1976 PA 399, as amended.

- **If I am not a licensed plumber, does this mean I lose my ASSE 5110 certification?**

No. Anyone who qualifies and earns their ASSE 5110 certification can retain the certification if continuing education requirements are met, and the certification is not revoked. The state of Michigan has no authority to issue or revoke certifications issued by the ASSE. However, the ASSE 5110 certification alone will not allow individuals to test in Michigan. If you test in other states, check with the applicable state agency for requirements in that state.

- **If I am not a licensed plumber, but have my ASSE 5110 certification, can I test backflow preventers within a building that I, or my company, own?**

According to the BCC's interpretation of the STRA, there are no exceptions or provisions for this situation. If your building is classified as a public water supply or is served water by a public water supply, backflow prevention assembly testing can only be done by an individual who is a master plumber, journey plumber, or apprentice plumber working under direct supervision of a journey plumber or master plumber and has a valid ASSE 5110 certification.

- **How will this be enforced?**

Primarily, this will be enforced locally by public water supply officials when requiring water customers to test backflow prevention assemblies. Upon receiving documentation of backflow preventer testing results, public water supply officials must verify individual tester credentials. Public water supplies are regulated by EGLE under the authority of the SDWA and must follow the rules under Part 14 of the SDWA related to their local cross connection control programs. If public water supplies knowingly accept backflow prevention assembly testing results from unqualified testers after the transition period, EGLE has the authority to take enforcement action against the public water supply. Licensing requirements related to plumbers and plumbing work are enforced by the DLARA's BCC.

- **This will cause a tester shortage and/or price gouging. What is the state going to do about that?**

EGLE acknowledges the impact this may cause in parts of the state related to tester availability and possible increased costs of testing. EGLE has no authority over what private companies charge for testing. However, we are working with the ASSE and the BCC to determine what resources we can provide to help customers shop for local testers. To promote a fair market, EGLE also encourages public water supplies to educate local testers and their water customers on the purpose, meaning of, and typical costs of assembly testing.

To verify a plumbing license in Michigan, navigate to the following website and click on "Plumber" under the "Skilled Trades" heading: [Find / Verify a Licensed Professional or Business \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/verify)

To verify an ASSE 5110 certification in Michigan, navigate to the following website and use the search options for state, last name, and certification type: [ASSE International \(iapmo.org\)](https://www.iapmo.org).

- **What if Michigan residents and business owners cannot find testers with the necessary credentials in their area?**

First, they should contact their local public water supply. The public water supply may be able to provide testing contacts or provide an extension to their testing deadline. If water supplies experience a regional shortage of testers, they should contact their [local EGLE district office](#).

- **How do I report individuals who are testing without proper credentials?**

Individuals testing or conducting other activities such as backflow preventer repairs or installation without a plumbing license should be reported to LARA BCC at: LARA-BCC-Compliance@Michigan.gov or 517-241-0130. They may use the [Statement of Complaint form](#) to report these issues.

Individuals testing with a fraudulent ASSE 5110 certification or using testing/reporting methods contrary to ASSE Standard 5110 should be reported by filing an “ASSE Professional Certification Program Complaint Form” to the ASSE’s Testing and Credential Services.

- **I do not agree with this interpretation - what recourse do I have?**

You can direct questions and comments regarding licensing requirements in the STRA to the BCC at LARA-BCC-Licensing@Michigan.gov or 517-241-9313. For concerns related to wording of the STRA you can contact your Michigan legislative representatives to advocate for changes.

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Josh Pedraja (L) wins the 2024 NASPE Race, seen in photo with Bill Grayzar (R) president of ASPE EMC and facilitator of the race. CONGRATS!



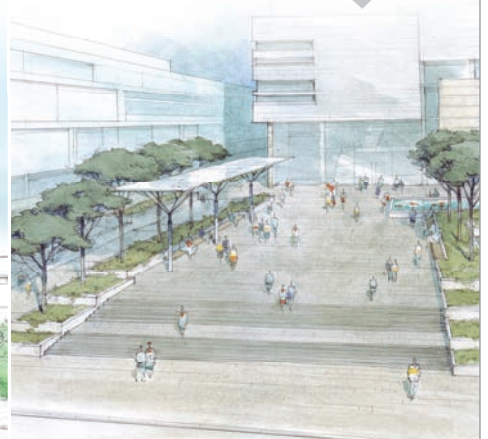
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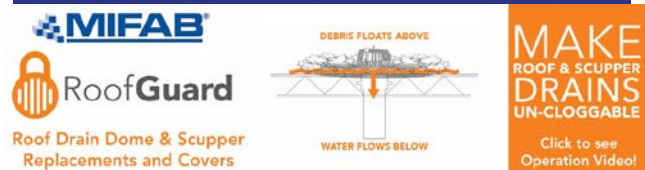
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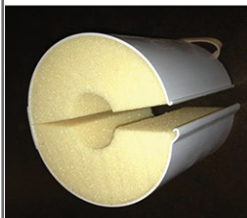
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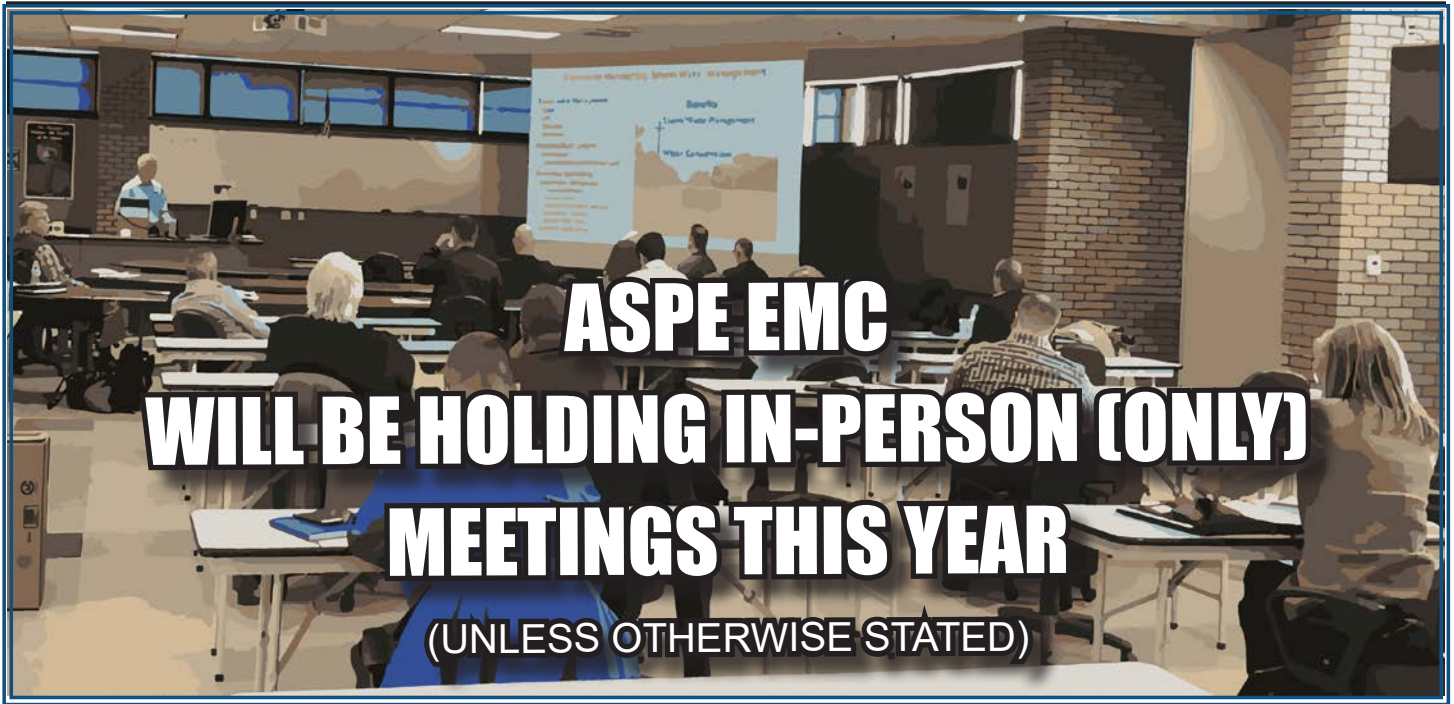
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