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ICC-ES PMG Receives EPA Transitional Approval to Certify Pre-Rinse Spray Valves

The ICC Evaluation Service (<u>ICC-ES</u>) Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas (<u>PMG</u>) Listing Program has been transitionally approved as a licensed certifier of Pre-Rinse Spray Valves. This approval was granted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under its WaterSense program that is designed to help save water and the environment.

"This recently added scope gives ICC-ES PMG a complete set of capabilities for all EPA WaterSense specifications, and gives plumbing manufacturers a better choice for their certification needs through the industry's leading product evaluation and listing company, ICC-ES," said Dawn LaFleur-Qualley, Senior Certification Program Manager. "With this transitional approval, we now are able to conduct testing through our partner, QAI Laboratories and offer certification to this new WaterSense specification."

The ICC-ES PMG program offers a full range of certification activities for both the United States and Canada. ICC-ES PMG can certify products to AB1953, NSF/ANSI 372, S.3874 (Federal Law for Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water) and the requirements of WaterSense. The Pre-Rinse Spray Valves certification, like other WaterSense certifications conducted by ICC-ES- PMG, is **free** of charge as long as the client has a listing for that product to the performance standard.

The WaterSense specification for Pre-Rinse Spray Valves is available on the WaterSense website at http://www.epa.gov/watersense/partners/prsvs.html. The final specification is expected to be available soon. Manufacturers and distributors who produce or sell these products will then be eligible for certification. For more information, contact ICC-ES PMG at 1-800-423-6587 ext. 7643, or by e-mail at espmg@icc-es.org

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