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Dear Interested Party,

As a result of requests by some of the jurisdictions in the United States, ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) is announcing the existence of another product certification service to the manufacturers around the globe, namely certification of black iron gas pipe to the requirements of ASTM A53. Black iron pipes for gas usage, similar to other plumbing products, must be certified before approval for installation by Authorities Having Jurisdiction. Section 303.4 of the International Plumbing Code and 301.1.1 of the Uniform Plumbing Code both require such products to be certified by a conformity assessment body, such as ICC-ES.

ICC-ES is the premier product certification body in North America and is accredited to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17065. Such accreditation by American National Standards Institute and Standards Council of Canada enables ICC-ES to certify products for the United States and Canada. ICC-ES' decades of experience has made its mark of conformity the mark that manufacturers want and the code officials trust and seek.

Manufacturers seeking black gas pipe certification to ASTM A53 can contact ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES PMG) at (800) 423-6587 ext. 3772 or by e-mail at dlqualley@icc-es.org. (Note: Sprinkler piping systems certified to ASTM A53 may not be used for gas pipe applications unless specifically certified as such.)

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Dawn LaFleur-Qualley'.

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Director, ICC-ES PMG