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Code Council Applauds Senate's Passage of Water Bill

Law Highlights Critical Role of Built Environment for Safer and Smarter Water Use

The [International Code Council Family of Companies](#) (ICC) is applauding the Senate's passage of a wide-ranging bill that will include \$170 million to address lead in Flint, Michigan's drinking water and \$558 million to provide relief to drought-stricken California. The bill was signed into law by President Obama shortly after its approval.

"The Senate's approval of this legislation is welcomed news for water safety and shortage issues," said ICC Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. "The Code Council is continuing its decades-long work with our member jurisdictions and industry partners to provide a built environment that encourages safer and smarter water use through conservation and efficiency."

The ICC's [2015 International Plumbing Code®](#) (IPC) incorporates innovative technologies including waterless urinals and detailed engineered designs that permit the installation of smaller, more precise water usage and water drainage systems, resulting in the savings of millions of gallons of water.

The [2015 International Residential Code®](#) (IRC) and [International Green Construction Code®](#) (IgCC) both address water conservation and efficiency, as well, including provisions for collecting, storing, and using various types of non-potable water.

"With two-thirds of the world facing severe water shortages, our most valuable resource must be protected now and for future generations," said Georgia State Fire Marshal M. Dwayne Garriss, who serves as President of the ICC Board of Directors. "We applaud the Senate's action and will continuously advocate the built environment's critical role in providing safer and smarter water use in vibrant neighborhoods and communities."

For more information from the Code Council, please go to <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/safety/water-conservation-and-efficiency/>.

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About the International Code Council

The [International Code Council](#) is a member-focused association. It is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets [choose the International Codes](#).