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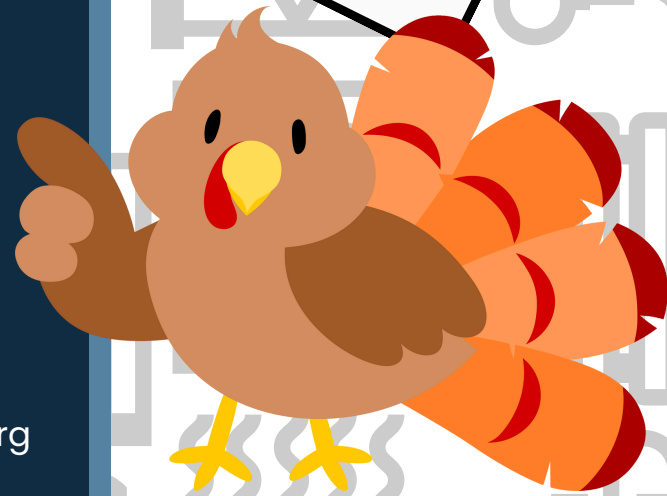
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NEW JERSEY ASPE BATTLE OF THE PEXES

ASPE NEW JERSEY CHAPTER'S November Technical Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, November 19th, 2025

Cocktail Hour: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Technical Presentation: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Topic: Battle of the Pexes:

The differences between PEX A, B, & C

Speakers: Frank Smith & Brian Calotta

Member Price: \$40

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From the President's Desk



As we wrap up the first few months of our new chapter year, I want to thank everyone who's joined us so far for our kickoff meetings. It's been great to see familiar faces and welcome new members as we continue to build momentum.

We've already had two strong technical sessions to start the year, including our most recent event, a tour of the Chubb Risk Engineering Center. The demonstrations and insights into fire protection and safety systems made for a fascinating and valuable experience.

Upcoming Events:

Looking ahead, we are excited to keep that energy going with more opportunities to learn, connect, and get involved. Our next meeting, "Battle of the PEXes," will be held on November 19th, and we're also gearing up for end of year event in December.

We currently have two open board positions, Corresponding Secretary and Affiliate Liason, both available for immediate filling. If you've been thinking about getting more involved with the chapter, this is a great opportunity to contribute and make an impact.

In addition, we're already starting to plan for next year's Annual Golf Outing, set to be in May 2026, and we're looking for volunteers to join the planning committee and day of volunteers. It's a fun way to network, help shape one of our biggest events, and get to know other members outside of the typical meeting setting.

Thank you for your continued support, and as we head into Thanksgiving season, I hope you take some well-deserved time to relax and recharge.



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Our members had the incredible opportunity to tour the Chubb Risk Engineering Facility, where we experienced live demonstrations of fire protection systems in action. We watched sprinklers activate in real time, including those intentionally installed incorrectly to show what can go wrong, and even witnessed a sprinkler triggered by an actual fire.

The Chubb team also walked us through the different types of protective gear used in the field and how each plays a role in keeping engineers and inspectors safe. A highlight of the tour was meeting their "pet," Amazon Astro, the facility's helpful robot assistant.

It was an unforgettable hands-on learning experience that perfectly blended education, technology, and fun. If you weren't there this time, you will definitely want to make sure you don't miss the next one.



October Meeting Information

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Renewals: Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership recently! Your continued involvement keeps our chapter strong and vibrant.

Multi Chapter Affiliation: Did you know that for only \$80 more per chapter you can join as many chapters as you would like? The New Jersey Chapter proudly has 29 multi-chapter members!

Upcoming Member Events: Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings & events. These are great ways to connect, learn, and grow together.



A CALL TO ACTION FROM THE VP Membership



As your VP of Membership, I want to remind you that ASPE is more than a professional organization; it's your platform for growth, connection, and leadership in the plumbing engineering industry. Whether it's exclusive technical resources, unmatched networking opportunities, or career development through certification and education, your ASPE membership is your competitive edge. Let's keep building a stronger, more innovative community together.

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Building Your Network



Why Getting Involved with ASPE Early Pays Off

Whether you are just starting out or well into your plumbing engineering career, one of the most valuable investments you can make in your professional growth is getting involved early. For many members, joining ASPE is the first step, but the real benefits come from showing up, participating, and making connections that last well beyond a single meeting.

The plumbing engineering industry thrives on collaboration. Every project, no matter the scale, is built on relationships between engineers, designers, manufacturers, and contractors.

Attending chapter meetings, volunteering on committees, or participating in a technical tour provides you with access to peers who share your interests, challenges, and career goals. These connections often lead to mentorship, job opportunities, and friendships that can shape your entire career path.

ASPE also provides a platform to develop leadership and technical skills outside of your day-to-day work. Serving on a committee, helping to organize an event, or presenting a topic builds confidence, enhances communication skills, and increases visibility within the industry. These are qualities that employers value highly.

The earlier you start, the more you gain. Students and new professionals who attend regularly find themselves recognized by name, introduced to experienced engineers, and quickly woven into the professional community. Those connections can make all the difference when it is time to find your first job, explore a new role, or seek advice on a complex design.

Our chapter continues to grow because of the members who step up, get involved, and share their expertise. The takeaway is simple: your career growth is proportional to the effort you put into learning, networking, and leading. ASPE is a platform that amplifies all three. The more you engage, the more valuable your membership becomes, not just for your career, but for the projects, teams, and communities you impact.



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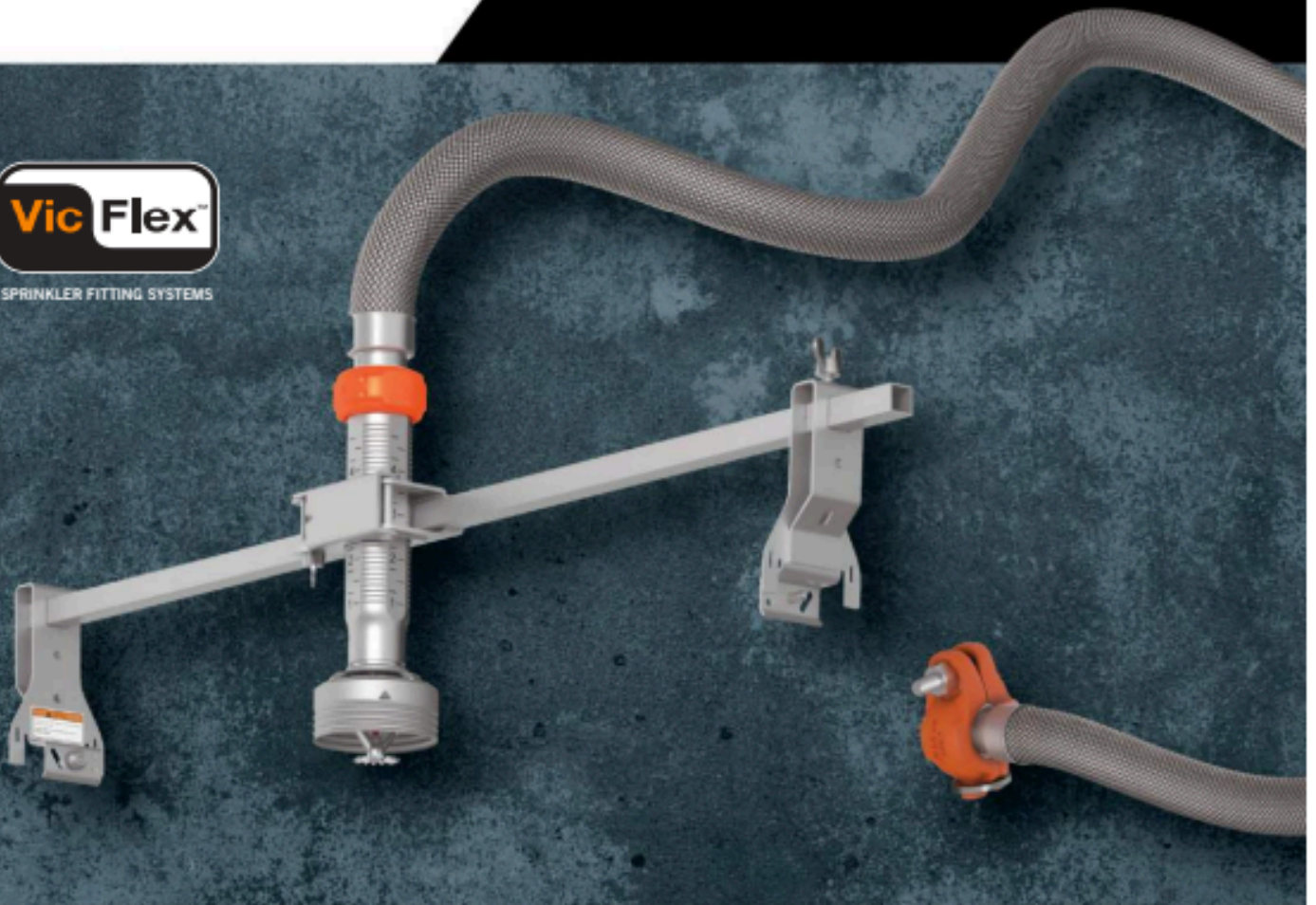
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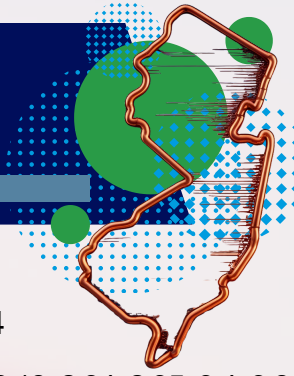
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The 2024 model codes are proposed for adoption. You can submit your written comments by December 19, 2025

Uniform Construction Code
2024 I-Codes/2023 NEC/2024 NSPC model codes
Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.14, 3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.20, 3.21, and 3.22
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Also, the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) responsibilities for the Rehabilitation Subcode are open for public comment

Uniform Construction Code
Responsibilities & Rehab mods for 2024 model codes

Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.18, 2.34, 2.35, 3.4, 3.8, 5.3, 6.2, 6.3A, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.12A, 6.13A, 6.14A, 6.15A, 6.16A, 6.17A, 6.18A, 6.19A, 6.20A, 6.21A, 6.22A, 6.23A, 6.24A, 6.25A, 6.26A, 6.28A, 6.31, and 6.32
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New Jersey Codes Coalition Cooperation through Communication

MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION OFFICIALS OF NEW JERSEY
Oppose S-4501 / A-5927

This letter is an urgent alert from New Jersey's municipal construction code Inspector Associations to municipal leaders, warning them about pending legislation S-4501 / A-5927. The associations are urging officials to take action to defeat the bill, arguing it poses a significant threat to public safety and municipal authority.

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The Core Proposal of the Bill

The main provision of the bill, sponsored by Senator Nicolas Scutari, would allow a permit holder or builder to hire and pay a private inspection company to conduct all construction inspections. This would replace the current system, where inspections are performed by officials employed by the municipality. The choice to privatize would be at the builder's sole discretion, and the municipality would be legally required to accept the results of these private inspections.

Key Objections Raised

The Inspector Associations raise several critical objections to this proposed change:

- **Conflict of Interest:** The primary concern is the inherent conflict of interest. An inspector paid directly by the builder may feel pressured to approve work that might otherwise fail inspection. The letter suggests a builder could simply fire an inspector who is too strict and hire a "more accommodating one," fundamentally weakening code enforcement.
- **Erosion of Municipal Authority:** Municipalities would lose their power to enforce construction codes and protect the safety of their residents. This authority would effectively be transferred from accountable local governments to private developers.
- **Administrative Instability:** It would become impossible for municipalities to effectively plan and staff their building departments. The workload would become unpredictable, as it would depend on the case-by-case decisions of countless individual builders.
- **Questionable Legality of Fees:** An amendment allows municipalities to continue collecting inspection fees even if the work is performed by a private company. The associations question the constitutionality of this provision, noting that the state Constitution may prohibit collecting fees for services that are not rendered.

Call to Action

We urge municipal leaders to directly contact their state legislators and their municipal associations and share the concerns we have outlined in this article. This legislation is an assault on municipal government and public safety and should be defeated.

Respectfully Submitted, Executive Members Representing

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Wednesday November 19 th 2025	2025-26 Technical Dinner Meeting 03: Battle of the Pexes	Il Castellos 81 Main Street Woodbridge, NJ 07095
TBD DECEMBER	Holiday Party	TBD
Wednesday January 7 th , 2026	2026 ASRAE/ASPE/MCA JOINT RECEPTION	Galloping Hill Caterers 1085 Galloping Hill Rd. Union, NJ 5pm-8pm
Wednesday January 21 st , 2026	2025-26 Technical Meeting 04: TBD	TBD
Wednesday February 18 th , 2026	2025-26 Technical Dinner Meeting 05: NFPA & The different haazard classifications Speaker: Karl Wiegand, P.E.	TBD
Wed. March 18 th , 2026	2025-26 Technical Dinner Meeting 06: Expansion Tank Sizing Tabletop Sponsor: Amtrol	TBD
Wednesday April 15th, 2026	2025-26 Technical Dinner Meeting 07: Venting Speaker: Dan O’Gorman, CPD	TBD

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Meeting Date	Topic	Time & Location
Wednesday May 20 th , 2026	2025-26 Technical Dinner Meeting 09: Sprinklers & Fire Protection Speaker: Sam Schwander	TBD
Thursday May 21 st , 2026	NJ ASPE 35 th Annual Golf Outing	New Jersey National GC 579 Allen Rd, Basking Ridge NJ 07920
Wednesday June 17 th , 2026	2025-26 Meeting 10: TBD Awards Ceremony/New Board of Directors Announced	TBD



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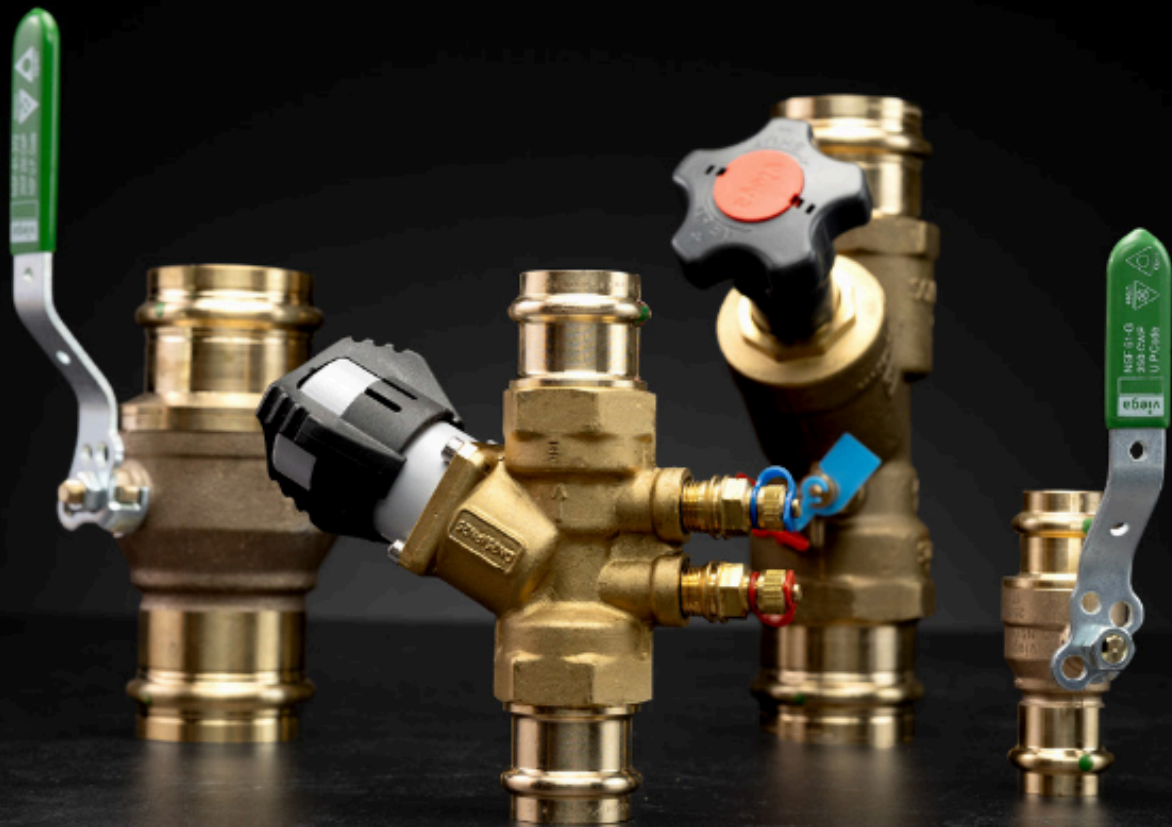
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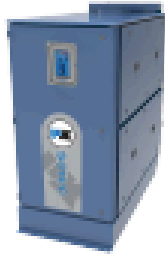
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