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# From the President's Desk



## Our Chapter Taps Into the 2025 ASPE Tech Symposium

As President of the New Jersey Chapter of ASPE, I'm thrilled to share a few reflections on the 2025 ASPE Tech Symposium held September 24–28 in sunny Orlando, Florida. Hosted by ASPE National, this year's Symposium was a piping hot successfull of fresh ideas, technical insight, and unforgettable networking moments.

Members of our chapter joined hundreds of plumbing engineering professionals from across North America to soak up continuing education, learn from industry leaders, and connect with manufacturers showcasing the latest products and technologies.

This year's technical education program featured over 30 sessions across five focused tracks: Codes & Standards/Water Quality; System Design; Sustainability/Construction; Healthcare/Specialty Design; and Fire Protection. Whether you were a seasoned designer or rising professional, there was no shortage of well-ventilated ideas to flush out.

In a time of increasing complexity around water quality, energy efficiency, and sustainability, the Symposium served as a critical valve for the exchange of timely, actionable information.

It wasn't just about keeping up; it was about staying ahead of the curve and siphoning off the best practices from across our field.

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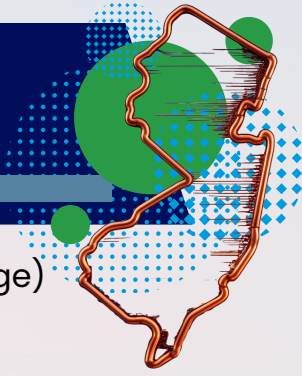
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We're grateful to ASPE National for putting on such a high-caliber event. The organization, programming, and hospitality were top-notch. This Symposium really flowed smoothly from start to finish. It was clear that every detail was well-plumbed.

What happens at a national symposium doesn't stay there! Our chapter members returned energized, informed, and ready to share what they learned. If you weren't able to attend, don't worry, we'll be draining off some of that knowledge in upcoming chapter meetings and newsletters.

This event reminded us why ASPE is such a valuable community: we're stronger when we stay connected, keep things flowing, and support each other's growth.

We look forward to this month's upcoming meetings and events and hope to see you there.

**Wednesday, October 15** — Tour of the Chubb Risk Engineering Center, Branchburg, NJ

**Thursday, October 23** — Women of ASPE Sip & Paint Night

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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.

## New Membership

Please join us in welcoming our newest members! We're thrilled to have the following professionals join our community

We're thrilled to announce that our chapter has grown to **127** passionate members!

## Expiring Membership

Time to Renew

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## 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.

**Know a colleague who could benefit? Invite them to join us today!**

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Photo: Participants of the AYP Leadership Academy

The 2025 AYP Leadership Academy took place on September 25 during the ASPE Tech Symposium in Orlando, offering early-career professionals a full day of leadership development and networking. Led by Dr. Justin McGlothlin, the morning Gentelligence® Workshop focused on generational collaboration and breaking down stereotypes in the workplace. In the afternoon, attendees participated in hands-on breakout sessions like “Workplace Dilemmas” and “Generational Jeopardy,” applying leadership skills in interactive, real-world scenarios. The event was a great success, bringing together young professionals from across the industry to build skills, share insights, and connect. We’re excited to see how this next generation of leaders continues to grow!



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The Cyclone® FLEXTM series also includes innovative features such as the AIQTM adaptive gas control system, which adjusts to varying fuel qualities and abnormalities for improved combustion and reliability. The intelligent control system, equipped with a 7-inch color touch display and iCOMMTM connectivity, provides detailed status information, precise temperature control, and remote monitoring capabilities. These water heaters come standard with powered anodes for long-lasting tank protection, leak detection modules, and Permaglas® Ultra CoatTM glass lining for enhanced durability. With space-saving designs, flexible venting options, and compliance with stringent air quality standards, Cyclone® FLEXTM water heaters deliver superior performance, ease of installation, and peace of mind for commercial users.

The Cyclone® FLEXTM commercial water heater from A. O. Smith is engineered to deliver exceptional performance, energy efficiency, and smart functionality for demanding commercial environments. ENERGY STAR® certified with an efficiency rating of 95% or greater, the Cyclone® FLEXTM significantly reduces energy costs while maintaining high output, making it an ideal solution for facilities that require a reliable supply of hot water without compromising on operational savings.

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(continued from previous page) At the heart of its advanced performance is the Adaptive Gas Control System, which intelligently adjusts combustion based on fuel quality and environmental abnormalities. This ensures consistent, safe performance in varying conditions. The system is paired with an Intelligent Control System, featuring a 7-inch color touchscreen display and iCOMMTM connectivity, giving users real-time remote monitoring, diagnostics, and precise temperature control. These smart features not only enhance operational efficiency but also empower facility managers to stay ahead of maintenance needs and system alerts.

One of the Cyclone® FLEXTM key design elements is its submerged combustion chamber, which helps eliminate radiant heat loss, allowing more energy to be used for heating water rather than being wasted. In tandem, the helical coil heat exchanger improves heat transfer while resisting lime scale buildup—a common issue in commercial systems—ensuring long-term efficiency and minimal performance degradation over time.

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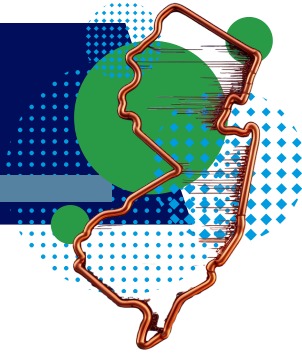
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# The Knowledge Exchange

## Article #4 ASSE Standard –1004



Check back each month as our Education Chair, Nick Azmo dives into one of the 49 ASSE Standards. Find the previous articles located in our previous newsletters.

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Welcome back to the “Knowledge Exchange,” where in this month’s article, we take a close look at Performance Requirements for Backflow Prevention Requirements for Commercial Dishwashing Machines, or better known as ASSE 1004 Standard. Whether you’re brushing up on familiar territory or learning something new, I hope these insights prove valuable to your work and professional development.

### **An Introduction into the ASSE Standards:**

In the world of plumbing and water safety, few organizations have had as significant an impact as the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE). Established over a century ago, ASSE develops product performance standards designed to protect public health and ensure the safe distribution of water. From backflow prevention devices to water temperature controls, ASSE standards form the backbone of safe, reliable plumbing systems across residential, commercial, and industrial settings.

At its core, the purpose of any ASSE standard is to establish consistent criteria that plumbing products must meet to function safely and effectively. We as engineers, contractors and code enforcement people have been given guidelines through the Standards, and it is up to us to make sure we use these properly.

These standards are not just technical guidelines; they are essential tools used by manufacturers, engineers, and by code officials to ensure that plumbing components perform as intended. By setting minimum performance and safety benchmarks, ASSE helps reduce the risk of contamination, scalding, and other plumbing-related hazards. After all, their motto is: “Prevention Rather Than Cure”

### **ASSE 1004 – Backflow Prevention Requirements for Commercial Dishwashing Machines**

In our fourth of series of ASSE articles, we are discussing the Performance Requirements for Backflow Prevention for Commercial Dishwashing Machines. This standard applies to commercial dishwashers and warewashers found in restaurants, institutions, and similar settings. The primary goal of any ASSE standard is to protect the domestic water supply and the dishwashers themselves. There are two main types of commercial dishwashers: chemical sanitizing and hot water sanitizing.

### **Chemical and Hot Water Sanitizing Systems**

Chemical sanitizing dishwashers use detergents and sanitizing chemicals to clean dishes, with water temperatures typically ranging from 75°F to 120°F. Hot water sanitizing dishwashers rely on elevated temperatures to sanitize. The FDA Food Code is the key reference here, not the plumbing code. Section 4-501.112 of the FDA Food Code requires that the surface of the dishes reach a minimum of 160°F during the hot water sanitation cycle. For stationary racks, this temperature increases to at least 165°F. To account for heat loss as the water sprays from the nozzle to the dish surface, most dishwashers are designed to heat the rinse water to 180°F. This ensures that the dishes reach the required 160°F sanitation temperature. The plumbing code, on the other hand, prohibits draining water above 180°F to prevent plastic drainpipes from melting.

### **The Role of ASSE 1004**

Both types of dishwashers must adhere to the ASSE 1004 Standard, which incorporates all the necessary FDA temperature requirements. A common misconception is that if a dishwasher has an ASSE 1004 stamp, no additional backflow protection is needed. This is absolutely correct. If the unit is certified with the ASSE 1004 stamp, it has met the standard, and no further backflow devices should be required. Sometimes, plumbing inspectors may mistakenly request additional backflow preventers. When this happens, it’s almost always because the dishwasher in question lacks the required ASSE 1004 stamp. These uncertified dishwashers are often imported and may seem like a more cost-effective option. However, the savings are quickly negated by the additional costs of purchasing and installing the necessary backflow prevention devices, not to mention labor and change order fees.

# The Knowledge Exchange

## Article #4 ASSE Standard –1004



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### Types of Backflow Hazards

Backflow is the unwanted reversal of water flow in a plumbing system. In a commercial dishwasher setup, several hazards can cause backflow, including:

- High Temperatures: Water temperatures of 140°F – 180°F are used for sanitizing.
- Chemicals: The presence of detergents and sanitizers.
- Pressure Fluctuations: Changes in pressure caused by fill cycles and booster pumps.
- Backpressure: Pressure from the dishwasher pushing water back into the supply line.
- Backsiphonage: Sub-atmospheric pressure that creates a vacuum, pulling contaminated water back into the clean water supply.

### Devices Permitted to Prevent These Types of Hazards

- Air Gap: A physical separation between the water supply and the dishwasher.
- Air Gap Fitting: A device that creates an air gap.
- Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker (AVB): Prevents backsiphonage.
- Hose Connection Vacuum Breaker (HCVB): A type of AVB for hose connections.
- Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB): Prevents backsiphonage under continuous pressure.
- Spill-Resistant Vacuum Breaker (SVB): A type of PVB that doesn't spill under pressure.

In conclusion, while the ASSE 1004 is a standalone standard for backflow prevention, it operated within a larger network of safety and plumbing and food reverence codes. This interconnected web of standards ensures that the entire system from machine itself to the plumbing that it supplies is designed and installed with public health as a top priority. In next month's article there are no ASSE 1005, 1006 or 1007 so will go straight over to the ASSE 1008 Standard – Plumbing Aspects of Residential Food Waste Disposer Units.



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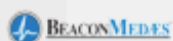
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On September 17th, our chapter gathered for an insightful and engaging presentation on siphonic drainage systems, a topic that sparked great interest and dialogue among attendees. Held for the first time at Il Castello, the venue's ambiance set the perfect tone for an evening of learning and collaboration. From the basics of how siphonic drainage works to the engineering behind optimizing flow and pipe design, the presentation covered all the essentials with clarity and depth.

We were thrilled to see such high engagement throughout the evening. Questions began pouring in early, covering everything from technical design considerations to code compliance and installation best practices. The discussion evolved naturally, with members sharing experiences from their own projects, leading to one of the most enriching technical conversations we've had in recent memory. The speaker fielded each question with expertise, creating an open and collaborative learning environment.

In addition to the technical session, we also took time to recognize some of the key individuals who have helped shape our organization. Special awards were presented to our past president and past board members in appreciation of their dedicated service and leadership. Their contributions have laid the groundwork for the vibrant community we continue to grow today, and it was a pleasure to honor them in front of their peers.

Overall, the evening was a fantastic success. The combination of a thought-provoking presentation, active discussion, and well-deserved recognition made this event truly memorable. Thank you to all who attended, asked questions, and contributed to the discussion.

## September Meeting Information

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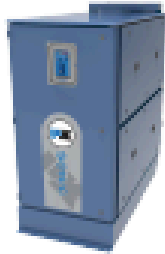


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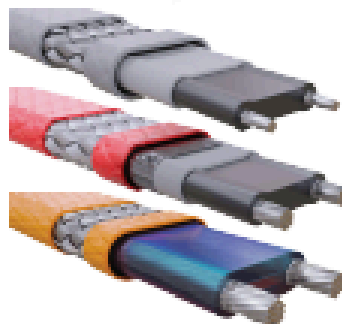
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# Legislative News



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## The Core of Proposed Bill S4501

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.

On June 19, 2025, the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments to the Senate Bill No. 4501.

This bill would modify certain inspection processes under the "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L. 1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.), to provide for charging of separate inspection fees and allowing the owner, agent, or other responsible person in charge of construction work to independently elect, for any reason, to contract with an authorized private on-site inspection agency to perform a requested inspection.

Current law only allows owners, agents, or responsible persons to choose to contract with a private on-site inspection agency under certain circumstances if a local enforcing agency is unable to complete a requested inspection within three business days of the date for which the inspection is requested, and with the authorization of the Department of Community Affairs.

Since the bill allows an owner, agent, or other responsible person to elect to contract with an authorized private on-site inspection agency for any reason, **the bill eliminates a provision that specifically authorized an owner, agent, or other responsible person to do so under limited circumstances when an enforcing agency has demonstrated a repeated inability to conduct timely inspections for a construction project.**

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- **Collaborate across societies** – Members active in other professional groups are invited to co-organize joint meetings and events. These collaborative events help us broaden our reach and share our knowledge more widely.
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Thursday October 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2025	NJ WOA Presents: Paint & Sip	Delta Commercial, Victaulic, Engineering Driven Design, Holby Valve	Pinot's Pallet 647G Route 18 S East Brunswick, NJ 08816 6:30pm-9:00pm
Wednesday November 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	<b>2025-26 Meeting 03:</b> Battle of the Pexes	Uponor & Viega	Il Castellos 81 Main Street Woodbridge, NJ 07095 (Dedicated parking lot behind building)
TBD	AYP EVENT	Peak Industries, Engineering Driven Design, Holby Valve, Victaulic	TBD
TBD DECEMBER	Holiday Party	TBD	TBD

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