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### **IAPMO Group Sends Delegation to Middle East to Help Address Water Scarcity**

**Amman, Jordan (Oct. 19, 2015)** — Under a grant from the U.S. federal government, via the U.S. Standards Alliance, a delegation of leaders from The IAPMO Group has traveled to Jordan to participate in critical water discussions. The delegation highlighted U.S. standards, codes, and testing practices that can assist Middle Eastern communities in finding solutions to their water scarcity issues.

Attending and exhibiting at the International Water Association's Water and Development Congress and Exhibition 2015, IAPMO joined water stakeholders from around the world. In addition to the Congress and Exhibition, the IAPMO delegation, consisting of Ohannes Dembekjian, senior vice president for Continuous Compliance; Dain Hansen, senior vice president of Government Affairs; and Christopher Lindsay, manager of Government Affairs, held meetings in Amman with Jordanian government officials and officials from the U.S. government based in Amman.

"Water is a critical resource around the globe, particularly in the Middle East," Dembekjian said. "It is our hope and goal to work with these key stakeholders to offer IAPMO resources as a tool help address these complex problems in the region."

"To help those suffering from lack of water and proper sanitization is of the highest priority for IAPMO and the U.S. government," Hansen added. "The partnership of IAPMO, USAID, and ANSI is forged with the common goal to help those around the globe facing water and sanitation challenges, and we are thrilled for the support to make this goal become a reality."

The Standards Alliance is a U.S.-sponsored technical assistance initiative created by USAID in partnership with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The Standards Alliance provides technical and financial resources to advance reforms that help businesses participate in the global trading system while building the capacity of developing countries to implement the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Technical Barriers to trade.

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