



2016-2017

YEAR END
REVIEW

**DISPENSING EQUIPMENT
ALLIANCE**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Dispensing Equipment Alliance (DEA) has made great strides during the follow up year to beginning. The volunteer members working within the committees of DEA have submitted language changes to model plumbing codes and been accepted by two nationally recognized codes. Proposed changes to state codes were submitted to several jurisdictions, not always accepted but with some still pending action, DEA is working towards making the installation of chemical dispensers more standardized and efficient than any previous efforts attempted so far, all with an eye on protecting the very precious drinking water supply of not only the United States but Canada as well. Now DEA is focusing efforts to help educate the industry by working on an installation standard for the chemical dispensing equipment industry to help guide the industry towards installations that are effective, efficient, safe, and code compliant. That standard is working through the same volunteer committee process that all work is accomplished at DEA. Having input from the industry will make the standard more inclusive and a basis for better installations.

2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Proposed language changes accepted and creation of new sections dealing with chemical dispensing equipment in both the *National Standard Plumbing Code* and the *Uniform Plumbing Code*.
- Proposed language changes sent to two states for amendment of state plumbing code with one still awaiting review.
- Work on an installation standards for Chemical Dispensing Equipment began by the Education Committee of DEA.
- Updated Bylaws of DEA to include all full members in the Executive Steering Committee, the governing body of DEA.
- Create a new tiered membership system to encourage input from all aspect of the chemical dispensing industry.
- Advocated for sensible change in several states and Canada.
- Continued work on interactive map of regulatory contacts across America and Canada.



The Dispensing Equipment Alliance (DEA) is established for the purpose of providing superior leadership and fostering the awareness of chemical dispensing technology and its impact on public health and safety through comprehensive educational activities, products, codes and standards, and public awareness initiatives. In addition, the DEA will serve as a clearinghouse of experience, ideas, and information to further the objectives and sustain interest on behalf of the DEA membership.

ADVOCACY/CODE:

- Submitted language that was accepted into the 2018 *National Standard Plumbing Code*.
- Language submitted to 2018 *Uniform Plumbing Code* accepted by Technical Committee.
- Awaiting review of language change proposed to the Massachusetts Plumbing Board.
- Several DEA Members participated in the updating of ASSE 1055 Standard.
- Submitted language to the Ontario, Canada Building Code amendment process for energy and resource savings round of amendments.

EDUCATION:

- Working on equipment installation standard as a basis for training and certification for the industry.
- Created documents showing the benefits of using chemical dispensing equipment.

- Work on updating website and creating a library of articles as a resource to the industry.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Continue to work on the goal of doubling membership.
- Create a database of industry representatives to reach out and talk about the benefits of joining DEA.
- Create a membership application that includes the newly created tiered membership levels to encourage all aspects of the chemical dispensing equipment industry to join DEA.
- Building a package of information to convince any potential new member to join based on the hard work done so far and the potential to have a real effective voice in how the industry progresses.

CONCLUSION:

DEA is still a very new organization with a huge growth potential. The sophomore year of DEA has seen growth in areas where DEA tries to show its efforts, i.e., submitting proposed language changes to the Toronto Building Code. Reaching out to local jurisdictions to help educate them on what an ASSE 1055 certification covers is just one aspect of what DEA offers to potential members. The knowledge base within the membership of DEA is vast and can help any company wade through the deep waters of regulations dealing with chemical dispensing equipment.

Model plumbing codes deal with part of the issue, but DEA is a resource that has helped members through many issues from regulatory agencies to code writing organizations. DEA stands ready to offer that same level of assistance to any new members as well.

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