**消火栓在联邦无铅法中可以例外吗？**  
The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed the <a href="https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr3588"> [Community Fire Safety Act of 2013](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr3588)</a>, which would exempt fire hydrants from being subject to lead-safety regulations for drinking water that go into effect January 4. The U.S. Senate is currently reviewing the bill.

**英国的建筑物宣称是世界上最绿色的**   
One Angel Square in Manchester, London <a href="http://sourceable.net/is-this-the-worlds-greenest-building/"> [has achieved the highest BREEAM score ever awarded](http://sourceable.net/is-this-the-worlds-greenest-building/)</a> due to features such as graywater and rainwater recycling and an advanced heating and cooling system that recycles wasted heat. It claims to be the world’s greenest building, but other facilities scored by different green rating systems are vying for that title.

**与所谓的“可冲入排水管”的抹布作斗争**   
The Canadian Water and Wastewater Association <a href="http://www.thespec.com/news-story/4253295-waste-water-groups-join-forces-in-war-on-flushable-wipes/"> [has joined](http://www.thespec.com/news-story/4253295-waste-water-groups-join-forces-in-war-on-flushable-wipes/)</a> the Water Environment Federation in an effort to prevent sewer clogs caused by so-called flushable wipes by pushing for independent third-party testing of the products and public education.

**哪一些城市对付自然灾害的准备工作做得最好？**  
Several cities are praised for their water-related municipal programs to combat future weather events in a <a href="http://www.fastcoexist.com/3021507/five-cities-that-wont-fall-over-in-the-next-superstorm"> [new report from the Center for American Progress](http://www.fastcoexist.com/3021507/five-cities-that-wont-fall-over-in-the-next-superstorm)</a>, including Houston’s Rebuild Houston program, launched after massive flooding in 2012 to improve drainage and water infrastructure, Los Angeles’s water-conservation and cooling programs, Salt Lake City’s watershed and groundwater restoration initiatives, and New York City’s green stormwater infrastructure upgrades.

**2014年新技术研讨会开始注册**   
Join experts in the fields of water and energy efficiency in Arlington, Virginia on April 23-24 for the <a href="http://www.aspe.org/2014ets"> [2014 International Emerging Technology Symposium](http://www.aspe.org/2014ets)</a>, being convened by ASPE and several other leading organizations. The early bird registration rate is available until March 16.

**美国卫生工程师学会国际部征求参加烫伤警示组人士**   
Members will help develop a white paper and promotional tools on the importance of automatic compensating valves and water temperature limiting devices to prevent scalding. You can find more information <a href="http://iapmo.org/Press Releases/2013-12-04 ASSE Scald Task Group.pdf"> [here](http://iapmo.org/Press%20Releases/2013-12-04%20ASSE%20Scald%20Task%20Group.pdf)</a>.

**IAPMO技术研究部出版新的美国太阳能热水国家标准**   
IAPMO/ANSI S1001.1: Design and Installation of Solar Water Heating Systems establishes minimum quality criteria for the design and installation of residential and small commercial solar water heating systems for manufacturers, distributors, architects, engineers, contractors, code authorities, program administrators, and end-users. <a href="http://iapmo.org/Press Releases/2013-12-03 IAPMO RT Solar Heating Standard.pdf">[More>>](http://iapmo.org/Press%20Releases/2013-12-03%20IAPMO%20RT%20Solar%20Heating%20Standard.pdf)</a>

**新版的新建建筑物绿色地球出版**   
ECD Energy and Environment Canada <a href="http://www.1888pressrelease.com/new-green-globes-r-building-certification-program-based-on-pr-502655.html"> [has released a new version of Green Globes for New Construction Canada](http://www.1888pressrelease.com/new-green-globes-r-building-certification-program-based-on-pr-502655.html)</a>, based on a Canadian adaptation of ANSI/GBI 01-2010: Green Building Assessment Protocol for Commercial Buildings. Green Globes calls this the most significant upgrade to the Canadian standard since its launch.

**一本帮助估计建筑物规范对节能影响的书**   
“<a href="http://www.nist.gov/customcf/get\_pdf.cfm?pub\_id=914711"> [Benefits and Costs of Energy Standard Adoption in New Commercial Buildings](http://www.nist.gov/customcf/get_pdf.cfm?pub_id=914711)</a>” by NIST（美国标 准与技术局）provides calculations of estimated energy use and cost savings, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions related to lower energy use, and savings on life-cycle costs for each state in connection with the adoption of up-to-date building codes over a 10-year period.

**回顾2013十二月世界建筑给水排水会议**  
This issue of <a href="http://aspe.org/sites/default/files/WPCReview\_December2013.pdf"> [*World Plumbing Review*](http://aspe.org/sites/default/files/WPCReview_December2013.pdf)</a> includes highlights from the World Plumbing Conference (can you find the ASPE members mentioned?), an article on the Portuguese approach to graywater recycling, and more.