**20年后将节省680亿吨水**  
On the 20th anniversary of the Energy Policy Act, the Alliance for Water Efficiency examined the legislation's impact on water conservation and found that the lower-flow toilet requirement has saved the United States 18.2 trillion gallons of water--enough to supply the cities of Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York for 20 years. <a href="http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/EPActInfo.aspx">[More>>](http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/EPActInfo.aspx)</a>

**今年五月将庆祝建筑物安全月**  
This theme of this year’s <a href="http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Pages/default.aspx">[Building Safety Month](http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM/Pages/default.aspx)</a>, presented by the International Code Council, is “Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks,” and each week of Building Safety Month will spotlight a specific area of building safety, starting with “Keeping Fire in Its Place” during the week of May 5-11.

**华盛顿建筑新规范的目标是大大节省水和能耗**  
Last Friday, the 2013 DC Energy Conservation Code and the inaugural 2013 DC Green Construction Code went into effect in Washington, D.C. The energy code will require new buildings to perform as much as 30 percent more efficiently, and the green code offers several alternatives to compliance, including LEED, Enterprise Green Communities, ASHRAE 189.1, and ICC-700 certification. <a href="http://www.usgbcncr.org/news/dc-adopts-innovative-new-green-construction-code/">[More>>](http://www.usgbcncr.org/news/dc-adopts-innovative-new-green-construction-code/)</a>

**大公司认为水的问题对拓展生意有负面影响**  
Nearly 60 percent of major U.S. corporations responding to <a href="http://voxglobal.com/wp-content/uploads/Bridging-Concern-with-Action-Are-US-Companies-Prepared-For-Looming-Water-Challenges\_FINALREPORT.pdf">[a recent study by the Pacific Institute and VOX Global](http://voxglobal.com/wp-content/uploads/Bridging-Concern-with-Action-Are-US-Companies-Prepared-For-Looming-Water-Challenges_FINALREPORT.pdf)</a> attribute future slow business growth and profitability to water issues, up from less than 20 percent five years ago. However, nearly 70 percent believe their current level of investment in water management is sufficient.

**干旱使人对废水循环发生兴趣**  
More people are recognizing the importance of using rainwater, stormwater, and wastewater for a variety of applications due to dangerous drought conditions across the United States, according to <a href=" ">[an article by Bloomberg News](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-03-24/water-scarcity-drives-u-s-communities-toward-smarter-use-recycling.html)</a>. Experts say that one way to combat the biggest impediment to reuse, cost, is to tailor the treatment level to specific applications.

**您如何能每年节省39000加仑（150吨）水？**  
In an area with an annual precipitation of 42 inches, a rainwater harvesting system could collect 39,000 gallons annually from a 1,500-square-foot residential roof, according to the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association. ARCSA currently seeks tax-deductible donations to help it develop a rainwater harvesting manual and training sessions. <a href="http://www.arcsa.org/news/165733/RAINWATER-HARVESTING-A-RELIABLE-DECENTRALIZED-WATER-SUPPLY-ALTERNATIVE.htm">[More>>](http://www.arcsa.org/news/165733/RAINWATER-HARVESTING-A-RELIABLE-DECENTRALIZED-WATER-SUPPLY-ALTERNATIVE.htm)</a>

**4月17日网上讲座有关建筑给水排水产品要符合联邦用水标准问题**  
The U.S. Department of Energy is presenting a free webinar from 2-3:30 p.m. EDT to explain the obligations that manufacturers, private labelers, and importers must meet to ensure that their plumbing products comply with federal water-consumption regulations. Registration is open <a href="https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/637357752">[here](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/637357752)</a>.

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Every public comment submitted for the 2015 editions of the Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform Mechanical Code, which will be discussed during IAPMO's Technical Committee meetings in Las Vegas on April 28-May 1, can be accessed <a href="http://www.iapmo.org/Pages/default.aspx">[here](http://www.iapmo.org/Pages/default.aspx)</a>.

**ASHRAE加入制定美国国家绿色建筑物标准行列**  
The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers recently partnered with ICC and the National Association of Home Builders to co-sponsor the 2015 edition of ICC/ASHRAE 700: National Green Building Standard. Applications to serve on the consensus development committee, as well as proposed amendments, can be submitted through April 6. <a href="https://ashrae.org/news/2014/ashrae-joins-nahb-and-icc-to-develop-new-national-green-building-standard">[More>>](https://ashrae.org/news/2014/ashrae-joins-nahb-and-icc-to-develop-new-national-green-building-standard)</a>