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### IAPMO's Uniform Evaluation Service Issues ER-294 to USG Corporation

Ontario, Calif. (Nov. 25, 2013) — IAPMO's Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) is pleased to announce that Illinois-based USG Corporation was granted UES Evaluation Report ER-294 to reference the 2012 *International Building Code*<sup>®</sup> (IBC), the 2012 *International Residential Code*<sup>®</sup> (IRC), the 2012 *Uniform Plumbing Code*<sup>®</sup> (UPC), and the 2012 *International Plumbing Code*<sup>®</sup> (IPC). ER-294 states that the DUROCK™ Shower System, consisting of DUROCK™ UltraLight Foam Tile Backerboard, DUROCK™ Pre-Sloped Shower Tray, DUROCK™ Waterproofing Membrane, and DUROCK™ Drain Assembly shown in the report, satisfies applicable code requirements. This allows for the specification of the DUROCK™ Shower System by architects, contractors, specifiers, and designers, and approval of installations by code officials. It also provides code officials with a concise summary of the products' attributes and documentation of code compliance.

Products recognized under the Uniform Evaluation Service have successfully undergone evaluation based on applicable requirements within the *Uniform Family of Codes* and the *International Family of Codes*, as well as codes published by other entities. UES staff thoroughly examined DUROCK™ Shower System product information, test reports, calculations, quality control methods, and other factors to determine the products are code compliant.

"USG Corporation is extremely pleased with ER-294 on our DUROCK™ Shower System," said Yanfei Peng, Ph.D, principle researcher Corporate Innovation Center. "UES is in a unique position to incorporate several component plumbing code listings, issued and maintained by IAPMO R&T, into a single comprehensive report that also recognizes the building code aspects of our DUROCK™ Shower System. UES delivers as promised."

The UES program is built upon IAPMO's more than 70 years of experience in evaluating products for code compliance. Accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the program operates under ISO/IEC Guide 65, "General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems."

UES Director Richard Beck, PE, CBO, MCP, explains why Uniform Evaluation Reports are so valuable: "USG Corporation can now reference its ER-294 for their DUROCK™ Shower System to ensure that code officials quickly have the information required for their decision on approval. Our program also stands out because of stellar customer service and the utilization of in-house staff along with the technical expertise of professional engineering firms, who are leaders in each area of recognition." UES' Karen Snowden added: "it's a pleasure to work with USG and address all the code aspects of their DUROCK™ Shower System."

IAPMO's UES offers a full range of recognition opportunities, including recognition for the applicable national model codes, as well as Florida, California, and various other state codes. The UES program lowers the cost and increases the value to code officials of these reports by combining all of these recognitions in one concise report prepared by an internationally recognized product certification body.

### ABOUT IAPMO'S UNIFORM ES

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) coordinates the development and adaptation of plumbing, mechanical, swimming pool, and solar energy codes to meet the specific needs of individual jurisdictions both in the United States and abroad. IAPMO Uniform ES (UES) is one of the two prominent evaluation service providers (as noted by SEAOC, see [Uniform-ES.org](http://Uniform-ES.org) for details). UES reports provide evidence that products and systems satisfy code requirements within the scope and conditions of use as noted in each report.

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