



Newsletter

Western Michigan Chapter

January 2024

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This months meeting info:

Grand Rapids Meeting:

Kalamazoo Meeting:

Dates:

January 10th & 11th

Location:

**Canopy by Hilton - Grand Rapids Downtown
131 Ionia Avenue SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

Location:

**Park Club of Kalamazoo
219 W. South Street
Kalamazoo , MI 49007**

Speaker:

**Thad Kuzma &
Joe Hancock**

Time:

**11:30 Social
12:00 Presentation & Lunch**

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Subject:

**Legionella Filtration -
FlowTech Systems**

Cost:

\$30 per person

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\$30 per person

Important Information:

Happy New Year!!!

Thank you to all of our members for another great year.

We appreciate all the support we've seen and the phenomenal turnout at our meetings this past year. Let's keep that momentum going and make 2024 the best year yet.

-West Michigan ASPE Board





NO PITCH STORM DRAINAGE

EDUCATION SESSION (1 ASPE CEU or 1 AIA or 1 PDH)

WHAT'S WRONG W/ TRADITIONAL GRAVITY STORM DRAINAGE?

- Large Diameter Pipework = Increased Material Cost
- Sloped Pipes = More Chase Room Needed
- Pitch Dictates Pipe Routing & Discharge = More Chases Throughout Building
- Increased Vertical Drops = Only Slope so far Before Entering Livable Space
- Unachievable Routing for Overflow = Cannot Slope to Needed Discharge Location
- Added Civil Connections = Need for Civils to Meet Where Pipe Slope Limits
- Increased Building Elevations = Accounts for Slope in Pipe
- Increased Ponding Rates & Standing Water = Increase for Clogs, Leaks, Roof Collapse

CLASS TOPICS COVERED

- ✓ Bracing Requirements
- ✓ Code Approval - IPC & UPC
- ✓ Tolerances for In-Field Changes
- ✓ Application Limitations
- ✓ How to Layout a Siphonic System for Design
- ✓ How to Reduce Maintenance Costs

SIPHONIC DRAINAGE TOP 5

- 1 Pipe Installs w/ No Pitch, No Slope
- 2 Pipework is 1/2 diameter of Traditional Gravity
- 3 Eliminate Verticals by Collecting More Drains Together
- 4 Eliminate Civil Connections
- 5 Eliminate Material + Labor + Coordination + Inspections w/ Less Connections

Wed, Nov 8th @ 12PM EST
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Chapter President—Brian Peceny

Welcome to 2024. I believe our 2023 ASPE went very well, and I hope our members feel the same way. A personal big thanks from me to our Board, who do all the heavy lifting to keep this ASPE West Michigan Chapter successful. I know that not everyone was excited about our change to lunch time meetings, but I believe overall it's been well received, and we plan on continuing with our two lunch time meetings the rest of the year (GR & Kzoo). If you are not sure about when or where we are meeting, please check out our website which Jonathan Burke has been doing a wonderful job keeping up to date. You can find a list of our planned lunch meetings for the rest of the year. Highlights for the coming winter include this month's lunch will cover Flow-Tech filtration systems (it's not just temperature) as well as a special guest presenter in Mr. Julius Ballanco joining us in March. Mr. Ballanco has been a major contributor, writer, speaker in the plumbing industry for the past three decades. And as we get into the coldest month of the year, it's a good time to think about golfing. ASPE will once again be hosting a day of golf this coming May (date TBD). Lastly, with the start of the new year it's a good time to make plans and schedules. If you haven't already, consider taking the ASPE CPD exam. Just search ASPE CPD to get more information. The registration deadline is April 1.









A big thanks for Breanna who setup our wonderful December Meeting. Great setting for the season. Thanks also to Cody Mack with Caleffi. Cody gave a wonderful overview of balancing domestic hot water systems and covered the various options available to engineers; manual, autoflow, and now thermostatic. We look forward to seeing you in Grand Rapids on Wednesday and Kalamazoo on Thursday.




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VP Technical—Nick Von Myhr

Hello everyone and happy new year!

The West Michigan ASPE Chapter is blessed for the continued opportunity to educate, grow, and give to the local engineering community, and is excited for 2024.

Firstly, I would like to thank our Christmas party host speaker Cody Mack for doing such a wonderful job of teaching us about the Caleffi product and the importance of water temperature management.

To kick off the new year, the ASPE group welcomes Kevin Brauer & Mark Meyer with FlowTech Systems. Kevin & Mark will be educating us on a newer Legionella prevention product and why it would benefit you to incorporate it into your next design.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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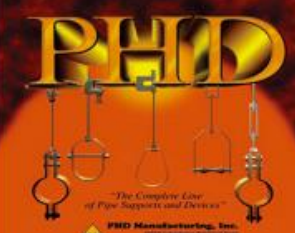


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VP Membership—John Cassady

Hello ASPE Members,

We are currently at 93 members in the West Michigan chapter. Please join me in welcoming Keara Ritsema to our chapter!

All new members will receive a voucher for a free meeting, redeemable at checkout when registering for an event.

For those of you who have a membership expiring by the end of February, you should have received an email reminder from the national society already. I will send out follow-up reminders to you all as well.

When you are renewing your membership, please be sure to select West Michigan as your “home chapter”. Any “at large” members may miss out on communication from the chapter.

You can also update your chapter affiliation by logging in to ASPE.org and following My Account > My Profile and editing your information.

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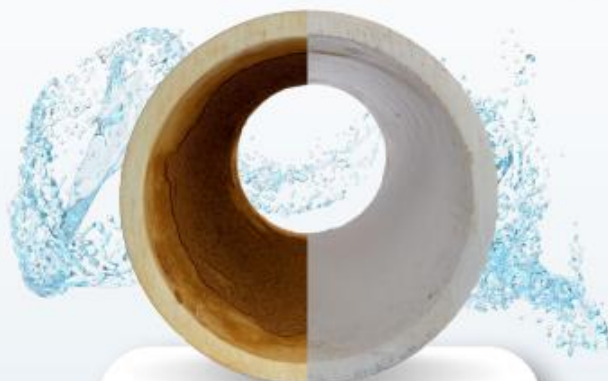
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VP Education—Tom Kingshott

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The ASHRAE 2024 Winter Conference is in Chicago this year at McCormick Place. In addition to the Expo, there are a variety of technical meeting, some of which are available at no charge.

<https://www.ashrae.org/conferences/2024-winter-conference-chicago>

The 2024 ASPE Convention and Expo is in Columbus, Ohio October 18-23, 2024. There is an expo, convention, and educational classes:

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VP Legislative —Luciana Kayo

If you design fire suppression systems, you may have at some point questioned the need to call out for a stock of spare sprinklers either on your drawings or specifications. There are a number of reasons behind this practice, as outlined by the NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems. This article explores the necessity of spare sprinklers, their proper storage, and the instances when you need to use the spare sprinklers.

According to NFPA 13 guidelines, a stock of spare sprinklers is mandatory for facilities equipped with a sprinkler system. These spare sprinklers serve a vital role in prompt replacements, especially in cases where a sprinkler has operated due to a fire, experienced accidental discharge, or suffered damage affecting its functionality. Having spare sprinklers readily available minimizes system downtime and ensures a quick response to maintain fire protection.

A spare sprinkler cabinet should contain the appropriate types and quantities of sprinklers based on the system's size and the type of sprinklers used. NFPA 13 section 16.2.7.5 specifies the minimum number of spare sprinklers required, ranging from six for facilities with fewer than 300 sprinklers to 24 for those with over 1000 sprinklers. Additionally, the cabinet must include at least two spare sprinklers of each type used in the system, with inventory information properly displayed.

NFPA 13 also emphasizes the importance of using the right tools for sprinkler replacement. A sprinkler wrench is a mandatory tool stored in the cabinet, preventing damage to the sprinklers during the replacement process. Teflon tape or the appropriate type of pipe sealant, another essential item, should also be readily available. The sprinkler cabinet must be located on the premises for quick access and kept in an area with a maximum ceiling temperature of 100°F for ordinary sprinklers.



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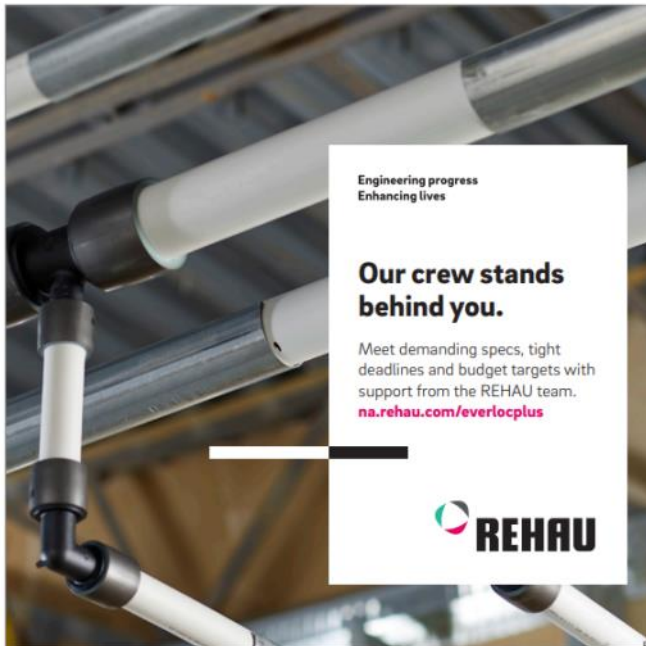


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VP Legislative —Luciana Kayo (continued)

Knowing when to use spare sprinklers is crucial for maintenance personnel for maintaining an effective fire protection system. Several scenarios necessitate sprinkler replacement, including incorrect installation orientation, leaks, corrosion affecting performance, physical damage, and the presence of detrimental substances like dust or grease. Paint on sprinklers, fluid leaks from the glass bulb, and loss of coloring in the bulb's fluid are additional reasons for replacement. After sprinkler replacement, it is essential to check for leaks at the system's working pressure. If more than 20 sprinklers are replaced, NFPA 13 mandates a full hydrostatic test. While NFPA 25 requires visual inspections annually, proactive monitoring is encouraged. Some sprinklers are easily visible from the ground, enabling timely action if any issues arise.

In conclusion, maintaining a stock of spare sprinklers and following NFPA guidelines ensures the reliability and efficiency of a facility's sprinkler system. Regular inspections, proper storage, and prompt replacements contribute to a solid fire protection strategy, emphasizing the importance of preparedness in emergency situations.

Reference:

NFPA 13-2022 Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, Chapter 16.

NFPA 25-2023 Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, Chapter 5.

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Stadium Design
Julius Ballanco

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Legionella Filtration

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