

IPSSAN Article
IPSSA ENERGY CONFERENCE
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In conjunction with the IPSSA Leadership Seminar, IPSSA will host an Energy Conference to be held on Thursday, February 5, 2009.

We have invited major manufacturers, distributors, energy providers and a delegation from the California Energy Commission. We wish to provide a forum of discussion on the impact and implementation requirements of California Title 20 as it relates to the swimming pool service and repair industry.

In January 2008 Title 20 came upon us in many unexpected ways and soon became the talk of the industry with more than one interpretation and many different methods of implementation. The impact on the industry is the most profound item of legislation that has ever affected our industry. The opportunity to conserve energy on residential swimming pool pump and motor operation is the single most predominate source of energy conservation in the residential market of California.

Recent amendments to Title 20, adopted on December 3, 2008, clarified the language by providing several definitions, some will go into effect January 1, 2010. At the IPSSA Energy Conference it is the IPSSA Government Relations Committee's goal to present the recent Title 20 amendments for discussion in fashion that will foster agreement and support of the spirit of energy conservation in California.

Realizing that implementation of the requirements of Title 20 will affect every member of IPSSA, it is extremely important that accurate information be afforded to the entire industry, from manufacturing to installation. The requirements of Title 20 bring to the industry an opportunity to conserve energy as well as save our clients on their energy costs. It also brings some new thinking and application principals on swimming pool filtration, which in the long run will pay off for everyone. The IPSSA Energy Conference will provide a centralized point of discussion that has not been pursued by any other organization in the swimming pool industry.

We would expect the conference to result in a uniform interpretation of Title 20 and that each segment of the industry would be in agreement as to their requirements of implementation and avoid the confusion that was presented to the industry in January 2008.

Participation in the IPSSA Energy Conference is by invitation, however there will be limited seating for observers. If you plan to attend as an observer please keep in mind that seating is limited. The Conference is scheduled to begin at 9am on Thursday, February 5, 2008.