

NATIONAL TOILET STANDARD

The Plumbing Manufacturers Institute recognizes the need for increased water efficiency California. We strongly support a market-based conversion to high efficiency toilets (HETs) and high efficiency urinals (HEUs). So that consumers will continue to have the broadest choice of high-performance fixtures, we support legislation that requires fixture manufacturers to provide a portion of toilet and urinal models that are high efficiency according to the following schedule:

Year	HET and HEU Models
2010	50%
2011	67%
2012	75%
2013	85%
2014	All models except institutional toilets*

From an unbiased standpoint, we feel water conservation efforts would be better served by adopting a phased schedule or the entire plumbing industry will be forced to relive the Federal Energy Policy Act of 1992 which mandated change from 3.5 to 1.6 gpf toilets. A well-intended initiative geared at water conservation was viewed as counter productive, as the industry was not in a position to offer toilets that performed at the new water usage. We are concerned that a mandated change to 1.3 gpf for all toilets and 0.5 gpf for all urinals could have similar unintended consequences. A phased-in approach uses the free-market system to identify the best products and ultimately achieve the necessary water efficiency.

*Institutional toilet – any fixture configuration not typically found in residential or commercial applications or which is designed for a specialized application.

Examples include:

Wall Mounted Floor Outlet toilets

Toilets used in prison and bariatrics applications

Child toilets used in day care facilities