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### **ASSE Introduces Their One Year Field Test Program**

**Westlake, Ohio, August 20, 2009** — The American Society of Sanitary Engineering has introduced their One Year Field Test Program, an actual non-simulated one year field evaluation designed to test backflow prevention devices under normal working conditions. ASSE's Board of Directors voted the program into effect early August and ASSE is currently developing a bank of testers who will be performing the one year field evaluation.

The One Year Field Test Program, developed to test assemblies listed to ASSE Standards 1013, 1015, 1047 or 1048, will allow manufacturers to have their devices installed in an ASSE reviewed and approved test site of their choice. After the devices are installed in an actual working facility, they will be tested and evaluated monthly, and then torn down after one complete year to be thoroughly inspected for abnormal wear. After all monthly field tests are completed, all report forms are submitted and one year of testing and evaluation is completed, all documentation will be forwarded to ASSE to be reviewed by the Staff Engineer and the Seal Control Board. Should the assembly pass the one year field test, the Seal Control Board will grant the manufacturer permission to display the ASSE One Year Field Test Certification Mark. To ensure the highest quality of evaluation, the testers of the one year field test must be certified as a tester, repairer and instructor by ASSE, ABPA, IAPMO or USC, and must meet rigorous credentialing through ASSE.

*This program has been developed with the generous support of many volunteers, including multiple ASSE listed manufacturers and the ASSE Seal Control Board.*

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