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## **Plastics Pipe Institute presents water and drainage infrastructure solutions to city leaders**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today's municipal leaders face a host of complex challenges related to drinking water and drainage systems in their cities and towns. The bad news seems to be everywhere: recent reports of lead contamination in Washington, D.C.'s drinking water; neighborhoods flooding across Texas; and millions of gallons of undocumented water loss in cities from Michigan to North Carolina to California. To help mayors and their staffs evaluate long-term, cost-effective solutions, the Plastics Pipe Institute (PPI) has joined the Business Council of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM).

At this week's annual winter meeting of the USCM in Washington, D.C., representatives of PPI are initiating dialogue with mayors from across the country in an effort to learn more about how the organization, which represents manufacturers and suppliers of polyethylene (PE) pipe, can help them meet these challenges. "Our goal this week is to learn as much as we can about ways PPI can be a resource to mayors," said Donna Stoughton, a member of PPI's advisory council. "Polyethylene pipe has made it possible – with minimal disruption – for many cities to safely and cost-effectively replace aging, decaying systems with high-performance, long-lasting pipe. We'd like to help mayors and their city engineers know their options."

Polyethylene pipe offers many advantages compared to outdated materials:

- PE is resistant to all types of corrosion, including harsh chemicals and pH levels, and can be heat-fused to provide leak-free joints. In fact, PE pipe accounts for more than 90% of the pipe installed for natural gas distribution in the U.S. and Canada.

- Light weight and flexibility means PE is simple and economical to install.  
Neighborhoods experience less disruption with pipe replacement and the need for costly access roads for new projects is often eliminated.
- PE protects the environment, and is a cost-effective solution to meet the EPA's NPDES Phase II requirements for clean storm water runoff.
- PE provides a prolonged service life.

### **About PPI**

The Plastics Pipe Institute is the major trade association representing all segments of the polyethylene piping industry. Member companies share a common interest in broadening market opportunities that make effective use of plastic piping for water and gas distribution, sewer and wastewater, oil and gas production, industrial and mining uses, power and communications, duct and irrigation. More information is available at [www.plasticpipe.org](http://www.plasticpipe.org).

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