

## Education Report

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The ASPE Technical Symposium will be in Pittsburgh, PA on October 24-27 at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown, 600 Commonwealth Pl, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. You can start planning to attend. Registration for the symposium and hotel is open on the [ASPE Technical Symposium website](#).

ASPE will be holding a FREE to ASPE members' webinar on Specification and Design Considerations for Thermoplastics in Commercial Water Applications on May 15, 2019. It is FREE for members and \$130 for non-members. For more information go the [ASPE webpage](#).

For you CPD's there were two changes taking effect on May 1<sup>st</sup> which you should have gotten an email about. The main changes are as follows:

- Section 3.2.2 of the recertification document states: "Activities such as tours of a manufacturing or research facility of a company/organization that is in the plumbing or fire protection industry also qualify for continuing education. The tour shall be sponsored by the Society or an ASPE Chapter and be at least one hour in length excluding any travel, meal or social activity. Participants shall earn 0.1 CEU in total for participating in the tour of a sponsored manufacturing/research facility that is hosted by the Society or ASPE Chapter." This means that in order for a tour of a manufacturing facility or plant to be valid for CPD recertification it is to be sponsored by ASPE, the Society, or an ASPE Chapter. Regardless of the duration of the tour, participants will earn 0.1 CEUs, 1 contact hour, for their participation of the tour. The tour must be one hour in length and a Society staff member or representative or ASPE chapter officer must be onsite for the duration of the tour.
- Section 3.5 of the recertification document highlights industry leadership activities and their applicable CEU values.