



AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

## **Position Statement Concerning BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTERS**

In pursuit of the stated goals of the American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA) of protecting the quality and integrity of clean drinking water, the Board of Directors believes that a Position Statement regarding “Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers” is essential.

Several types of backflow prevention assemblies and methods have been developed and approved as acceptable means of protecting the potable water supply from contamination introduced as a result of backflow conditions. To ensure they continue to operate as intended, individuals who are knowledgeable in the design and operation of the assemblies and methods must field test them periodically. The reports of these inspections must be completed accurately and submitted in timely fashion to the administrative authorities having jurisdiction.

Therefore, in order to ensure proper field testing of backflow prevention assemblies and methods are achieved, it is the position of the ABPA that all individuals performing field testing be adequately trained and meet the requirements of a recognized backflow prevention assembly tester certification program, such as the ABPA voluntary Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester certification program, or one approved by the administrative authority having jurisdiction.

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