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Speakman Company Introduces a Low Lead Line to Meet New Drinking Water Safety Regulations

New Castle, DE January 28, 2009 – The California State Legislature has recently passed an Assembly Bill to ensure the safest possible drinking water for Californians. California Assembly Bill 1953 (AB 1953) mandates that all residential and commercial faucets dispensing potable drinking water must be manufactured with waterway materials containing less than 0.25% lead content. AB 1953 will have a significant impact on school, healthcare and commercial facility engineering & design.

In response to this new legislation, Speakman, a quality leader in the commercial plumbing industry for 140 years, has engineered a specification quality commercial brass line that meets AB 1953 low lead requirements. The low lead line contains less than 0.25% lead while still maintaining the high quality expected from Speakman Products. “We believe it is extremely important to provide our commercial and institutional customers the same high level of quality and durability they have come to expect from Speakman in our low lead line as with any other Speakman product” stated Bill Walbrandt, the Director of Commercial Plumbing for Speakman. The low lead line contains many of Speakman’s most popular faucet types including 4” sensor faucets, widespread faucets, 4” centerset faucets, and more. Additionally, all Speakman faucets are adaptable to low flow versions to meet the water conserving demands for sustainable development.

Speakman has AB 1953 products in stock and ready for shipment. As noted by Mr. Walbrandt, “January 1, 2010 is not that far away. We want to provide our customers and end users the ability to get a head start so they are fully compliant when the new standard goes into effect”.

To find out more about Speakman’s Low Lead faucets visit <http://www.SpeakmanCompany.com> or call 1.800.537.2107.

About Speakman

The Speakman Company was founded in 1869 as a plumbing pipefitting company. Retaining its independent and privately held status, Speakman has forged a reputation for continuous product innovation and quality leadership. Today Speakman continues to manufacture high quality commercial plumbing products, innovative emergency equipment and exceptional hospitality & residential showerheads. Speakman’s products are registered to ISO 9001:2000, for more information on Speakman, please visit our web site at www.speakmancompany.com. ###