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## TWO INDUSTRY VETERANS JOIN PPI IN

## TOP TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING POSITIONS

IRVING, Texas - July 2, 2013 - Two well-known industry professionals have joined the Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc. (PPI), Executive Director, Tony Radoszewski announced today. Sarah Patterson has been appointed PPI Technical Director and Dan Currence, P.E. is the Director of Engineering for PPI's Corrugated Plastic Pipe Division (CPPA).

"These are two highly experienced and exceptionally qualified professionals," stated Radoszewski. "Sarah's work within PPI and the industry is well known as she has contributed for many years to our organization and the industry in a number of roles including the PPI's conduit division chair and vice chair, and also the group's marketing chair plus as a member of our Board of Directors. She has also served on a number of industry groups including ASTM, The Society of Plastic Engineers and the American Society of Biological and Agricultural Engineers. Her papers and articles have appeared in numerous industry publications."

As Technical Director, Patterson will also chair the PPI Hydrostatic Stress Board (HSB), and support the PPI Technical Committee. She will also be involved in the continuous improvement of national and international standards such as ISO, ASTM, CSA, ASME, AWWA and API. Patterson will also oversee management of PPI technical data, documents, specifications, recommendations, manuals and guides.

She joins PPI from Dow Chemical Company where she was a Research Scientist for the Performance Packaging Technical Service & Development Pipe Group. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from Kansas State University. Currence comes to PPI from Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. where he was the Central Zone Manager for Engineered Products, and previously Director of National Engineering - West. A registered Professional Engineer (P. E.), he has a B.S. in Civil Engineering and an M.S. in Environmental/Sanitary Engineering, both from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

"Dan is highly knowledgeable in the markets the CPPA serves and also with the products," stated Tony. "He has worked with Departments of Transportation, public works departments and system design engineers. His contributions as a U.S. Naval Officer as director of facilities engineering and his other roles during his military service will also serve to benefit PPI members and our industries. Due to his more than 22 years of experience, Dan inherently understands the needs of communities. Storm water, sanitary sewer and agriculture are rapidly growing areas for our industry and also for our country, and so we are grateful that Dan has joined us at this exciting time."

On behalf of CPPA, Dan will continue to work with organizations such as ASTM, ASCE, Society of Plastics Engineers, and AASHTO.

PPI is the major trade association representing all segments of the plastic pipe industry and dedicated to promoting plastics as the material of choice for pipe applications. For more information, visit the Plastics Pipe Institute website: <u>www.plasticpipe.org</u>.

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Dan Currence, P.E. Director of Engineering, CPPA Division, the Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc.



Sarah Patterson, Technical Director of the Plastics Pipe Institute, Inc.

## About PPI:

The Plastics Pipe Institute Inc. (PPI) is the major trade association representing all segments of the plastic pipe industry and is dedicated to promoting plastics as the material of choice for pipe applications. PPI is the premier technical, engineering and industry knowledge resource publishing data for use in development and design of plastic pipe systems. Additionally, PPI collaborates with industry organizations that set standards for manufacturing practices and installation methods.