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## Foreword<sup>2</sup>

This American National Standard, NSF/ANSI 418 Effluent Filters Field Longevity Testing has been created to address field testing of effluent filters for performance. The Standard provides requirements for site selection, auditing, and methods for evaluating the field performance as it relates to the longevity of septic tank effluent filters.

This Standard was developed by the NSF Joint Committee on Wastewater Technology using the consensus process described by the American National Standards Institute.

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## 1 General

### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to establish consistent site selection and data evaluation methods for obtaining field longevity results for septic tank effluent filters.

### 1.2 Scope

This Standard provides site selection, auditing, and methods for evaluating the field performance as it relates to longevity of septic tank effluent filters.

Only septic tank effluent filters that are certified in accordance with the current version of NSF/ANSI 46 may be certified under this Standard. An effluent filter that has completed third-party testing in compliance with an evaluation, certification and listing protocol equivalent to NSF/ANSI 46 shall be acceptable, provided all data pursuant to the testing is published and the results verify that the device is capable of performance as defined in NSF/ANSI 46.

## 2 Normative references

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ASTM C-1227-12. *Standard Specification for Precast Concrete Septic Tanks*

NSF/ANSI 46. *Evaluation of components and devices used in wastewater treatment systems, Section 10 – Filtration devices for residential gravity flow septic tank systems*

## 3 Definitions

The following are definitions of terms used in this document:

**3.1 manufacturer:** The entity that develops, designs, and produces septic tank effluent filters.

**3.2 residential:** Single family dwellings, occupied on a year round basis.