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## **Foreword<sup>2</sup>**

The purpose of this Standard is to establish minimum materials, design and construction, and performance testing and evaluation requirements for components and devices used in wastewater treatment systems. Minimum literature requirements to be supplied by manufacturers to authorized representatives and owners are also specified.

This edition of the Standard (NSF/ANSI 46 – 2016) includes the following revisions:

### **Issue 28**

This issue removed the bulleted items from Section 10.9, which have been moved to NSF/ANSI 418.

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

Suggestions for improvements of this Standard are welcome. This Standard is maintained on a Continuous Maintenance schedule and can be opened for comment at any time. Comments should be sent to Chair, Joint Committee on Wastewater Technology at [standards@nsf.org](mailto:standards@nsf.org), or c/o NSF International, Standards Department, P.O. Box 130140, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48113-0140, USA.

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## NSF/ANSI Standard for Wastewater Technology –

# Evaluation of components and devices used in wastewater treatment systems

## 1 General

### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to establish minimum materials, design and construction, and performance requirements for components and devices used in the handling, treating, recycling, reusing, or disposal of wastewater. This Standard is intended to protect public health and the environment as well as to minimize nuisance factors.

### 1.2 Scope

This Standard is intended for use with components and devices not covered by other NSF wastewater standards. Components and devices covered by this Standard are intended for use with greywater or blackwater or both. Management methods for the end-products of these components and devices are not addressed in this Standard. This Standard shall in no way restrict new system designs, provided that such designs meet the minimum specifications described herein.

All devices and components meeting the scope of this Standard shall comply with all of the requirements described in 1 through 8. In addition, devices and components shall comply with the applicable subsequent section(s) contained in this Standard. Where subsequent sections of the Standard include requirements that overlap with those found in 1 through 8, the requirements of both sections shall be met unless otherwise specified in the requirements of the subsequent section.

### 1.3 Alternate materials, design, and construction

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