



*NSF International Standard /
American National Standard*

NSF/ANSI 46 - 2017

Evaluation of Components and
Devices Used in Wastewater
Treatment Systems



NSF International, an independent, not-for-profit, non-governmental organization, is dedicated to being the leading global provider of public health and safety-based risk management solutions while serving the interests of all stakeholders.

This Standard is subject to revision.
Contact NSF to confirm this revision is current.

Users of this Standard may request clarifications and interpretations, or propose revisions by contacting:

Chair, Joint Committee on Wastewater Technology
c/o NSF International
789 North Dixboro Road, P.O. Box 130140
Ann Arbor, MI 48113-0140, USA
Phone: (734) 769-8010 Telex: 753215 NSF INTL
FAX: (734) 769-0109
E-mail: info@nsf.org
Web: <http://www.nsf.org>

NSF/ANSI 46–2017

NSF International Standard/
American National Standard
for Wastewater Technology —

**Evaluation of components
and devices used in
wastewater treatment systems**

Standard Developer
NSF International

NSF International

Designated as an ANSI Standard
March 12, 2017
American National Standards Institute

Prepared by
The NSF Joint Committee on Wastewater Technology

Recommended for adoption by
The NSF Council of Public Health Consultants

Adopted by
The NSF Board of Directors
November 1997

Revised May 2000	Revised April 2010
Revised May 2002	Revised November 2010
Revised October 2004	Revised December 2012
Revised September 2005	Revised December 2013
Revised January 2007	Revised November 2014
Addendum February 2007	Revised October 2015
Revised February 2009	Revised August 2017

Published by

NSF International
PO Box 130140, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48113-0140, USA

For ordering copies or for making inquiries with regard to this Standard, please reference the designation "NSF/ANSI 46-2017."

Copyright 2017 NSF International
Previous editions ©2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2002, 2000, 1997

Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from NSF International.

Printed in the United States of America.

Disclaimers¹

NSF International (NSF), in performing its functions in accordance with its objectives, does not assume or undertake to discharge any responsibility of the manufacturer or any other party. The opinions and findings of NSF represent its professional judgment. NSF shall not be responsible to anyone for the use of or reliance upon this Standard by anyone. NSF shall not incur any obligation or liability for damages, including consequential damages, arising out of or in connection with the use, interpretation of, or reliance upon this Standard.

NSF Standards provide basic criteria to promote sanitation and protection of the public health. Provisions for mechanical and electrical safety have not been included in this Standard because governmental agencies or other national standards-setting organizations provide safety requirements.

Participation in NSF's Standards development activities by regulatory agency representatives (federal, local, state) shall not constitute their agency's endorsement of NSF or any of its Standards.

Preference is given to the use of performance criteria measurable by examination or testing in NSF Standards development when such performance criteria may reasonably be used in lieu of design, materials, or construction criteria.

The illustrations, if provided, are intended to assist in understanding their adjacent standard requirements. However, the illustrations may not include all requirements for a specific product or unit, nor do they show the only method of fabricating such arrangements. Such partial drawings shall not be used to justify improper or incomplete design and construction.

Unless otherwise referenced, the Annexes are not considered an integral part of NSF Standards. The annexes are provided as general guidelines to the manufacturer, regulatory agency, user, or certifying organization.

¹ The information contained in this Disclaimer is not part of this American National Standard (ANS) and has not been processed in accordance with ANSI's requirements for an ANS. Therefore, this Disclaimer may contain material that has not been subjected to public review or a consensus process. In addition, it does not contain requirements necessary for conformance to the Standard.

This page is intentionally left blank.

Contents

1	General	1
1.1	Purpose	1
1.2	Scope	1
1.3	Alternate materials, design, and construction	1
2	Normative references	1
3	Definitions	2
4	Materials	3
4.1	Dissimilar metals	3
4.2	Welding	3
5	Design and construction	3
5.1	Serviceability	4
5.2	Electrical equipment	4
5.3	Mechanical components and systems	4
5.4	Data plate	4
6	Product literature	4
6.1	Installation manual	4
6.2	Operation and maintenance manual	5
6.3	Troubleshooting and repair manual	5
6.4	Energy requirements	5
6.5	Chemical requirements	5
7	Performance testing and evaluation	5
8	Final report	6
9	Grinder pumps and related components	6
9.1	Scope	6
9.2	Model series classification	6
9.3	Definitions	6
9.4	Performance testing and evaluation	7
9.5	Performance criteria for grinder pumps not utilizing wobble pump stators	10
9.6	Design and construction	11
10	Filtration devices for residential gravity flow septic tank systems	12
10.1	Scope	12
10.2	Model series classification	12
10.3	Definitions	12
10.4	Performance testing and evaluation of septic tank filters	12
10.5	Performance requirements for septic tank filters	16
10.6	Data plate	17
10.7	Installation manual	17
10.8	Operation and maintenance manual	17
10.9	Final report	17
11	Chlorination devices	17
11.1	Scope	17
11.2	Model series classification	18
11.3	Definitions	18
11.4	Design and construction	18
11.5	Product literature	20
11.6	Performance testing and evaluation	21
11.7	Performance testing and evaluation for positive displacement pumps	24
11.8	Performance testing and evaluation for chlorination devices intended to operate under increased hydraulic pressure	25
11.9	Final report	26
12	Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection devices	26

12.1	Scope.....	26
12.2	Model series classification.....	26
12.3	Flow delivery.....	26
12.4	Definitions.....	26
12.5	Design and construction.....	27
12.6	Product literature.....	28
12.7	Performance testing and evaluation.....	30
12.8	Performance testing and evaluation for UV disinfection devices intended to operate under increased hydraulic pressure.....	33
12.9	Final report.....	33
13	Ozone generation devices.....	34
13.1	Scope.....	34
13.2	Model series classification.....	34
13.3	Design and construction.....	34
13.3.1	Noise.....	34
13.4	Valve and component identification.....	35
13.5	Product literature.....	36
13.6	Performance testing and evaluation.....	36
Annex A Key elements of a certification program for components and devices used in wastewater treatment systems.....		41
Annex B Sample limited warranty.....		45
Annex C Definitions of analytical parameters.....		47
Annex D Test methods for the evaluation of wastewater disinfection treatment devices.....		51

Foreword²

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 includes the following revisions:

Issue 28

Section 10.9 was revised to require filter manufacturers to report and publish the measured amount of cross-sectional orifice area that exists above the normal liquid operating level.

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

Suggestions for improvement 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, or c/o NSF International, Standards Department, P.O. Box 130140, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48113-0140, USA.

² The information contained in this Foreword is not part of this American National Standard (ANS) and has not been processed in accordance with ANSI's requirements for an ANS. Therefore, this Foreword may contain material that has not been subjected to public review or a consensus process. In addition, it does not contain requirements necessary for conformance to the Standard.

This page is intentionally left blank.

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

While specific materials, designs, and construction may be stipulated in this Standard, devices that incorporate alternate materials, designs, or construction may be acceptable when it is verified that such systems meet the applicable requirements.

2 Normative references

The following documents contain provisions that, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Standard. At the time of publication, the indicated editions were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the recent editions of the standards indicated herein. The most recent published edition of the document shall be used for undated references.

American Public Health Association (APHA), American Water Works Association (AWWA) & Water Environment Federation (WEF): *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater* (hereinafter referred to as *Standard Methods*)³

³ Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater <www.standardmethods.org>.