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## Foreword<sup>2</sup>

The purpose of this Standard is to establish minimum requirements for materials, design and construction, and performance of drinking water treatment systems that are designed to reduce specific health-related contaminants in public or private water supplies. NSF/ANSI 53 specifies minimum product literature requirements that manufacturers must provide to authorized representatives and owners.

This edition of the Standard contains the following revisions:

### Issue 66

The revisions in this issue added language to clarify the usage of the word 'removes' along with the percentage of removal is acceptable when describing the cyst reduction claim, the inclusion of a variance for the inlet pressure in the rated service flow test, a clarification in 6.13.1 - Media test and to corrected a publishing error for heptachlor to maintain consistency between the tables for VOC surrogate testing in NSF DWTU Standards.

### Issue 72

The revision in this issue revised the criteria for laboratory evaluation of filter media.

### Issue 73

The revision in this issue revised the procedure for extraction testing with and without media.

### Issue 74

The revision in this issue revised the procedure for collection of effluent samples when conducting mechanical reduction tests.

### Issue 75

The revision in this issue clarified that the Performance Indication Device (PID) is to be fully automatic with one exception allowed during the installation of the replacement element. The language allows a reset button to be pushed or some other simple actuation of a device to notify the PID that a replacement element has been installed. It does not allow the responsibility for setting the volume of the PID on the user or marking a tally sheet. The PID needs to operate during the normal use pattern without specific intervention by the user.

This Standard was developed by the NSF Joint Committee on Drinking Water Treatment Units using the consensus process described by the American National Standards Institute.

Suggestions for improvement of this Standard are welcome. Comments should be sent to Chair, Joint Committee on Drinking Water Treatment Units, c/o NSF International, Standards Department, P. O. Box 130140, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48113-0140, USA.

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## NSF/ANSI Standard for Drinking Water Treatment Units —

# Drinking water treatment units — Health effects

## 1 General

### 1.1 Purpose

It is the purpose of this Standard to establish minimum requirements for materials, design and construction, and performance of point-of-use and point-of-entry drinking water treatment systems that are designed to reduce specific health-related contaminants in public or private water supplies. Such systems include point-of-entry drinking water treatment systems used to treat all or part of the water at the inlet to a residential facility or a bottled water production facility, and includes the material and components used in these systems. This Standard also specifies the minimum product literature and labeling information that a manufacturer shall supply to authorized representatives and system owners, as well as the minimum service-related obligations that the manufacturer shall extend to system owners.

### 1.2 Scope

The point-of-use and point-of-entry systems addressed by this Standard are designed to be used for the reduction of specific substances that may be present in drinking water (public or private). These substances are considered established or potential health hazards. They may be microbiological, chemical, or particulate (including filterable cysts) in nature. It is recognized that a system may be effective in controlling one or more of these contaminants, but systems are not required to control all. Activated carbon filter systems covered by this Standard are not intended to be used with water that is microbiologically unsafe or of unknown quality without adequate disinfection before or after the system.

### 1.3 Minimum requirements

A system as defined in this standard shall meet the applicable requirements of 4, 5, 6, and 8, plus at least one performance claim as described in 7.

A component as defined in this standard shall meet the requirements of 4 and 8. If the component is pressure-bearing, it shall also meet the applicable requirements of 5.

A commercial modular system as defined in this standard shall meet the applicable requirements of 4, 5, 6, and 8, plus at least one performance claim as described in 7. Manifolds of commercial modular systems shall meet the requirements of 4, 5 (if pressure bearing), and 8, and shall be evaluated as stand-alone components. Manifolds shall have a minimum internal diameter such that the water velocity in the manifold will not exceed 3 m (10 ft) per second (which can be calculated based upon the system flow rate and the manifold internal diameter). Individual modular elements evaluated as a manifold and modular element combination shall meet the applicable requirements of 4, 5, 6, and 8, plus at least one performance claim as described in 7.