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Foreword²

In response to a competitive request for proposals from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), a Consortium led by NSF International (NSF) agreed to develop voluntary third-party consensus standards and a certification program for all direct and indirect drinking water additives. Other members of the Consortium include the American Water Works Association Research Foundation, the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, the Conference of State Health and Environmental Managers, and the American Water Works Association. (COSHEM has since become inactive as an organization.) Each organization was represented on a steering committee with oversight responsibility for the administration of the cooperative agreement. The Steering Committee provides guidance on overall administration and management of the cooperative agreement. Currently, the member organizations remain active in an oversight role.

Two standards for additives products were developed. NSF/ANSI 60 – *Drinking water treatment chemicals — Health effects* covers many of the water treatment chemicals, also known as direct additives. This Standard, NSF/ANSI 61 – *Drinking water system components — Health effects*, covers all indirect additives products and materials. Testing to determine the potential of a product to impart taste and/or odor to drinking water is not included in this Standard.

NSF/ANSI 61 was developed to establish minimum requirements for the control of potential adverse human health effects from products that contact drinking water. It does not attempt to include product performance requirements that are currently addressed in other voluntary consensus standards established by such organizations as the American Water Works Association, the American Society for Testing and Materials, and the American National Standards Institute. Because this Standard complements the performance standards of these organizations, it is recommended that products also meet the appropriate performance requirements specified in the standards of such organizations.

NSF/ANSI 61, and subsequent product certification against it, has replaced the USEPA Additives Advisory Program for drinking water system components. USEPA terminated its advisory role in April 1990. For more information with regard to USEPA's actions, refer to the July 7, 1988 *Federal Register* (53FR25586).

This Standard and the accompanying text are intended for voluntary use by certifying organizations, utilities, regulatory agencies, and/or manufacturers as a basis of providing assurances that adequate health protection exists for covered products. Product certification issues, including frequency of testing and requirements for follow-up testing, evaluation, enforcement, and other policy issues, are not addressed by this Standard.

Water contact materials in Drinking Water Treatment Units listed under NSF/ANSI 42, 44, 53, 55, 58, and 62 are tested and evaluated under a separate protocol from NSF/ANSI 61 with criteria which were developed specifically for the intended end-use. NSF 61 listing should not be additionally required for acceptance of these listed units for water contact application.

This version (NSF/ANSI 61 – 2005 addendum) includes the following revisions:

- The practical application of coatings does not result in a perfectly uniform thickness. The requirements in section 5.5, Extraction procedures, have been further clarified to require the average coating application not to exceed the maximum dry film thickness per coat for field-applied paint and coatings systems and factory applied or cured systems.

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- Section 9, Mechanical plumbing devices, has been revised to specifically identify normalization and evaluation of lead and non-lead requirements for side sprayers.
- The Normalization for endpoint devices, components, and materials as defined in annex B, has been revised as to clarify how to normalize when the volume of the device is less than 1 Liter.

This Standard was developed by the NSF Joint Committee on Drinking Water Additives 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 Additives, c/o NSF International, Standards Department, PO Box 130140, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48113-0140, USA.

Consortium organizations³

NSF International

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NSF is perhaps best known for its role in developing standards and criteria for equipment, products, and services that bear upon health. NSF was the lead organization in the Consortium responsible for developing this Standard. NSF conducts research; tests and evaluates equipment, products, and services for compliance with standards and criteria; and grants and controls the use of NSF registered Marks.

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AWWA Research Foundation

The mission of the American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AWWARF) is to sponsor practical, applied research in behalf of the drinking water industry of North America. The scope of the research program embraces all aspects of water supply operation, from development and maintenance of water resources to treatment technologies and water quality issues, from storage and distribution system operations to health effects studies and utility planning and management activities. AWWARF serves as the centralized industry institution for planning, managing, and funding cooperative research and development in drinking water, including the subsequent transfer of technology and results for practical application by the water utility community.

AWWARF's purpose in this cooperative program is to provide a communication link with the water utilities throughout North America and serve as the focal point for identification of research needs of the water supply industry with respect to the additives program.

The Association of State Drinking Water Administrators

The Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) is a nonprofit organization whose eligible membership is comprised of drinking water program administrators in each of the 50 states and seven U.S. territories. Through the organization, representatives speak with a collective voice to Congressional committees, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), professional and trade associations, water utilities, and the general public on issues related to state drinking water programs. With its mission of protecting the public health through assurance of high quality drinking water, and promoting responsible, reasonable, and feasible drinking water programs at the state and federal levels, the Association is a valued contributor to the consortium, and to the program. It provides the link between the additives program and the state drinking water programs.

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The Conference of State Health and Environmental Managers

The Conference of State Health and Environmental Managers (COSHEM), known formerly as the Conference of State Sanitary Engineers (CSSE), is currently inactive as an organization. It brought to the consortium expertise and involvement of state health and environmental program managers. The Conference was the focal point for health concerns of all state environmental programs, including drinking water, wastewater, air, solid and hazardous wastes, radiological, occupational, health, and food. A standing committee on water supply focused on drinking water issues and kept the membership informed. The Conference played an important role early in the program through two-way communication with state health and environmental program decision makers.

American Water Works Association

The purpose of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) is to promote public health, safety, and welfare by improving the quality and increasing the quantity of water delivered to the public, and to developing and furthering an understanding of the problems relating thereto by:

- advancing the knowledge of the design, construction, operation, water treatment and management of water utilities;
- developing standards for procedures, equipment, and materials used by public water supply systems;
- advancing the knowledge of problems involved in the development of resources, production, and distribution of safe and adequate water supplies;
- educating the public on the problems of water supply and promoting a spirit of cooperation between consumers and suppliers in solving these problems; and
- conducting research to determine the causes of problems of providing a safe and adequate water supply and proposing solutions thereto in an effort to improve the quality and quantity of the water supply provided to the public.

AWWA brings to the Consortium its established position as the largest public drinking water association in North America, with a broad membership that includes utilities, consultants, manufacturers/distributors/agents, contractors, and other organizations with a direct interest in drinking water.

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1.3 Normative references

The following documents contain requirements, which by reference in this text, constitute requirements of this Standard.

The Society for Protective Coatings, *Steel Structures Painting Manual*. Volume 2. Reference Paint Application Specification No. 2 (SSPC-PA2)⁴

5.5.2.2 Field-applied paint and coating systems

These products shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's published use instructions (see 5.3.2) under the supervision of the testing laboratory. Products shall be applied to a glass slide when appropriate. Products requiring a reactive substrate shall be applied to the appropriate alternate substrate. Coating products shall be applied using application conditions as specified by the manufacturer in the product use instructions, e.g., the highest recommended percentage of thinner, the shortest curing period between coats or layers, the maximum recommended film thickness per coat, and the shortest final curing period prior to immersion. For exothermic coatings with a maximum field use thickness in excess of 120 mil (3.0 mm), an additional evaluation at the manufacturers minimum recommended field use thickness shall be conducted. The maximum dry film thickness per coat attested to by the testing laboratory shall be based on the average per coat dry film thickness evaluated.

NOTE – The practical application of coatings may result in spots of coating thicknesses in excess of the maximum dry film thickness per coat attested to by the testing laboratory. Acceptable variations from the maximum dry film thicknesses can occur. The average of spot measurements on each 10 m² (100 ft²) area shall not exceed the specified maximum thickness and no single spot measurement shall be more than 120% of it. Spot measurements are defined as the average of at least three gage readings within a 1.5 in (4 cm) diameter circle.

Multiple layer paint and coating systems that require the application of distinct coating product formulations in sequence shall be applied in a stepped manner so as to expose all layers. Multiple coats of the same product (of the same color) applied in sequence shall not constitute multiple layers and shall not be applied in a stepped manner. Multiple coats of the same product (of different colors) applied in sequence shall not constitute multiple layers and shall not be applied in a stepped manner, unless deemed neces-

⁴ SSPC. The Society for Protective Coatings, 40 24th Street, 6th Floor, Pittsburgh PA 15222-4656 USA