Joint Committee on Drinking Water Additives – Treatment Chemicals

Draft Meeting Summary

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Meeting Summary Excerpt

V Annexes D & E

A. Combining tables (DWA-60-2013-9)

Motion: Send a straw ballot of the proposed combined normative table for Annexes D and E. P. Greiner motioned; R. Sakaji seconded.

Discussion: K. Cox reviewed NSF’s proposal to combine the current tables from Annexes D and E under NSF/ANSI 60 and 61. The analytes would also be organized within the tables in two ways - by CAS number and in alphabetical order by compound name. NSF is also proposing to make all analytes normative as NSF and other certifiers historically have been treating all analytes as normative. K. Cox asked for feedback from the JC on the following questions: 1) Should Annexes D & E be combined? 2) Is it appropriate to eliminate the distinction between informative and normative? 3) Are two separate tables necessary (organized by CAS and alphabetically)? and 4) should the annexes be pulled out as a separate document?

T. Palkon stated his support for combining Annexes D and E under NSF/ANSI 60 & 61 and for organizing the table by CAS number. He indicated that he would need to check with WQA’s toxicology staff regarding the elimination of the informative designation, but did not anticipate a problem. P. Greiner also stated his support for the combined table and for getting rid of the informative designation. He stated that he didn’t see the need for two separate CAS and alphabetical tables, however, as most people could search the tables electronically. He stated that he would like to see a separate document for NSF/ANSI 60 and 61, but there is the question of who would oversee it. T. Palkon added that these requirements do affect the DWTU standards, and there are some differences within the standards. D. Heumann stated his support for a combined table, but added that there is a lot of alternative terminology that needs to be captured as well. Several members agreed. J. Hebenstreit stated his support for combining the annexes and for making all of the analytes normative. He stated that having the table organized by CAS number is important. He stated that he also supports pulling the table out as a separate document. J. Pavlicek reiterated that listing the different alias names is important for the manufacturers. R. Lorenz suggested making the CAS numbers the main table, and the alphabetical table secondary. It was noted that although electronic versions of the standards are commonly used, hardcopies are still sold and used. A non-toxicologist user of the standard would refer to the analytes by name, not by CAS number.

Vote: All in favor.

Motion passed.
Second motion: P. Greiner motioned to send an inquiry to the chairs of the relevant Joint Committees for input on the proposal to create a separate document outside of NSF/ANSI 60 and 61. T. Palkon seconded the motion.

Discussion: F. Lemieux noted that the two DWA Joint Committees currently oversee these tables. Why would that need to change? T. Palkon stated that there are a couple of important issues that may be different for the DWTU standards.

Vote: All in favor.

Motion passed.

B. Annexes D & E updates (DWA 60-2013-10)

Motion: Ballot the proposed revisions as written. T. Palkon motioned; J. Hebenstreit seconded the motion.

Amended motion: P. Greiner made a friendly amendment to add a column to the table that includes the year the contaminant was adopted into the standard starting in 2014. T. Palkon seconded the motion.

Discussion: K. Cox reviewed the updates for Annexes D and E. Sources for these revisions are either TOE, peer-reviewed by the HAB, or are through harmonization efforts of the JAB. P. Greiner asked that any new additions to the table are clearly identified in the next edition of the standard (e.g., highlighted). A suggestion was made to add the date of the addition. A. Ewing noted that it would be very difficult to go back and assign dates for all of the chemicals previously added. The JC discussed that perhaps moving forward, the date a contaminant is added to the standard could be added in a separate column in the table. Everything prior to 2013 could be listed as such.

Vote: All in favor.

Motion passed.