TO: Joint Committee on Sustainable Flooring  
FROM: Matthew Realff, Chairperson of the Joint Committee  
DATE: November 14, 2014  
SUBJECT: Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 332-2012, Sustainability assessment for resilient floor coverings (332i8r1) – Environmental Product Declaration (EPDs)

On behalf of David Kitts, Issue proponent, the ballot for NSF/ANSI 332, issue 8, revision 1, EPDs has been recommended to be sent to the Joint Committee for consideration. Please review the proposal and return your ballot by December 9 2014 via the online workspace (http://standards.nsf.org).

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this ballot is to amend the language in NSF/ANSI 332 to address the usage and importance of EPD’s (Environmental Product Declaration).

**Background**

EPD’s have become of growing interest in the commercial marketplace. Currently NSF/ANSI 332 does not address the usage and importance of EPD’s.

Including a credit that acknowledges the important work of an EPD would best fit within the 5.2 section of the standard. This improvement would also be consistent with NSF/ANSI 140 carpet standard.

**Public Health Impact**

The proposed language will have positive effects on public health by encouraging the use of EPDs.

If you have any questions about the technical content of the ballot, you may contact me in care of:

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2 Normative References

The following documents contain provisions that, through reference, constitute provisions of this NSF/ANSI Standard. At the time this Standard was balloted, the editions listed below were valid. All documents are subject to revision, and parties are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the recent editions of the documents indicated below. The most recent published edition of the document shall be used for undated references.

*Reason: This statement is being added to all NSF standards to clarify when a reference is undated, that the most recent version is the default.*

5.2.4 Environmental Product Declarations

The manufacturer shall receive one point if it completes an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) conducted in accordance with ISO 14025 following the requirements of an open consultative-based Product Category Rule (PCR). The EPD shall be validated by an independent third party for the product undergoing assessment.

*Reason: This promotes companies ability to receive recognition for those who have developed an EPD to the flooring PCR.*