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Fits In Update
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The Issue

- Some manufacturers of replacement filters advertise that their filters fit in systems manufactured by others
  - The systems may be certified to NSF/ANSI 42 and/or 53 with the original manufacturer’s replacement element
    - The “Fits In” replacement elements may be certified to NSF/ANSI 42 as components
    - The system is not certified with the “Fits In” replacement element
- Do consumers understand?
Current Approach

- **Certification Policies**
  - Certification policies may require disclaimers on packaging of “Fits In” replacement elements certified as components
  - Disclaimers require notification that the “Fits In” replacement element is not certified to fit in any specific system
  - Variation in:
    - language required
    - size of print
    - placement of disclaimer
  - Potential for certification policies with no disclaimer requirement
• This issue of “Fits In” was raised to the NSF Joint Committee on Drinking Water Treatment Units in May, 2014
  – Currently, the NSF/ANSI DWTU Standards do not address the issue of, “Fits In”. This issue is addressed by certification policies, which can vary among certification bodies.
  – There was discussion that there was a WQA Task Force that was exploring this issue of certification of “Fits In” type replacement filters.
  – The Chair of the Joint Committee requested an update to the Joint Committee regarding any recommendations coming from this Task Force.
During a January 30, 2015 meeting, the WQA Task Force decided to disband efforts to develop testing/certification requirements for products making ‘Fits In’ claims.
Next Steps / Discussion

• Does the Joint Committee want to address the issue of potential consumer confusion related to “Fits In” replacement filters certified as components?
Thank You