

**NSF Standard 60 Task Group on Annual Recertification  
Draft Teleconference Meeting Notes  
October 29th, 2009**

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**Participants**

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1. Dave Heumann took roll call. Blake Stark read the anti-trust statement.
  2. The minutes from the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed by the task group. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jeff Hebenstreit, and was seconded by Tom Palkon.
  3. The group discussed the status of the recent ballot #60i45r1e (proposed addition of Annual Certification Requirements to NSF/ANSI Standard 60). This ballot has passed in review of the Standard 60 Joint Committee. Written responses have been sent to address two written comments that were received, relative to the ballot. As of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the ballot has been circulated to the Council of Public Health Consultants (CPHC) for review. This balloting (to the CPHC) closes on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
  4. The group began a review of the latest (October 29<sup>th</sup>) draft of NSF proposed Standard 223 (circulated just prior to today's meeting). Tom Palkon suggested that all normative references to Standard 60 be shown in a standard format, such as "NSF/ANSI 60". Jeff Hebenstreit suggested that a co-reference to ISO 17020 be added in association with all existing references to ISO Guide 65 (in the new standard). Blake Stark agreed to make each of these two editorial updates to the new draft Standard 223.
  5. Duncan Ellison requested a brief overview from each of the certifiers on their respective policies for dropping of products (or product families) from certification, after a specified time frame (as required in the certifiers' policies) has expired without a representative product sample having been submitted for testing. Representatives from each of the certification agencies (Blake Stark, Jeff Hebenstreit, and Tom Palkon) each provided updates on their organizations' respective policies/procedures on this topic. Dave Heumann then requested that each certifier research and provide the number/percentage of products that were dropped after the specified time frame has been exceeded (for the 2007/2008 calendar years). The certifiers will gather this data, for review at the next task group meeting.
  6. The group then reviewed the certification audit frequencies to be specified in the new draft standard 223. Jeff Hebenstreit proposed an increase in the specified audit frequency from once to twice per year (UL presently has an audit frequency of twice per year). Dave Heumann requested Blake Stark and Tom Palkon to review the impact of an increase to two audits per year, and to identify types of chemicals where an increase in the audit frequency would be beneficial.
  7. The group then reviewed the Definitions section of the new draft standard 223. Jeff Hebenstreit mentioned that the existing term "blender" specifies that potable water should be used in the manufacturing of product blends (where water is used in the blends), and questioned if this restriction is necessary. Blake Stark clarified NSF's position on this (that water used in dilutions or blends is not required to be classified as potable, but that more extensive testing is conducted if water of unknown quality-not classified as potable-is used in certified products). The group agreed that the term "potable" (in reference to water) should not be used in the definition of Blender. Blake Stark agreed to make this change.
  8. The next conference call will take place on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am-12:00noon Eastern Time.

Action Items:

- 1.) Review latest, 10/29, draft of NSF proposed Standard 223 (attached); provide any suggestions/comments to Blake Stark ([stark@nsf.org](mailto:stark@nsf.org)) **[All Members]**.
- 2.) Provide the number and percentage of Standard 60 products that expired certification (in 2007 or 2008) by exceeding the maximum allowed time between monitoring tests **[NSF, UL & WQA]**.
- 3.) Review impact of an increase (from 1 to 2 audits/yr) in Standard 60 audit frequencies; identify types of chemicals where an audit increase would be beneficial **[NSF & WQA]**.
- 4.) Make the following edits to draft NSF Standard 223 **[Stark]**:
  - a.) Change normative references to Standard 60 to this format: "NSF/ANSI 60" (all occurrences).
  - b.) Add reference to ISO 17020 in areas where ISO Guide 65 is referenced (all occurrences).
  - c.) Remove reference to Potable Water in the definition of the term Blender.
- 5.) Attend next conference call on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am-12:00 noon Eastern Time **[All Members]**.