MEMORANDUM

TO: NSF Joint Committee on Swimming Pool and Spa Equipment

FROM: Steve Tackitt, Chairperson

DATE: June 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Ballot of NSF 50 Circulation system components and related materials for swimming pools, spas/hot tubs - (5016r4) Automated Controllers

Enclosed for your review and ballot is the current draft of NSF 50, issue 16, revision 4 Automated Controllers. Please review the changes proposed to this standard and submit your ballot by July 16, 2008 via the NSF online workspace.

Purpose:
To incorporate requirements for the evaluation and testing of automated controllers in NSF 50.

Background:
NSF has worked with industry, user, and regulatory input to develop these requirements since the late 1990s. During that time, the requirements were adjusted to accommodate the requests of various stakeholder groups.

However, by accommodating the needs of one group it created a conflict with another group. This led to many revised drafts of the language. In 2004, the draft was balloted to the Joint Committee. Those comments were incorporated and considered by the task group.

The task group performed another review and further improvements were made to the sections addressing general and testing annex requirements. NSF laboratory and program office staff then “test drove” the language in this draft by using it for testing and evaluation of a sample automated controller. The ballot was sent to the TC and JC in 2007. Many comments were received and incorporated into this revision for your review.

Public Health Impact:
This will have no negative impact on public health.

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

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