MEMORANDUM

TO: NSF Joint Committee on Swimming Pool and Spa Equipment

FROM: Steve Tackitt, Chairperson

DATE: January 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Ballot of NSF 50 *Circulation system components and related materials for swimming pools, spas/hot tubs* - (50i36r2)

Enclosed for your review and ballot is the current draft of NSF 50, issue 36, revision 2. Please review the changes proposed to this standard and submit your ballot by January 25, 2008 via the e-ballot system.

**Purpose:**

To open the definition of a self-prime pump to a minimum of 5 feet of vertical lift or the manufacturer's claim, whichever is greater.

**Background:**

This issue was an agenda item at the 2006 SPEJC meeting where it was motioned to ballot. Comments received from the first ballot were incorporated into this revision.

Manufacturers have expressed a need to establish a self-prime pump with a vertical lift of less than 10 feet. The current standard restricts the self-prime designation to 10 feet. With the popularity of water features the standard should allow for the self-prime designation to be used on low head high flow pumps.

**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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