MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Committee on Plastics
FROM: Robert W. Powitz, Chairperson of the Joint Committee
DATE: January 16, 2008
SUBJECT: Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 14 (14i25r1)

Enclosed is the ballot for Draft 1 of NSF/ANSI 14 issue 25, revision 1. Please review the proposal and return your ballot by the ballot due date of February 6, 2008 via the e-balloting system.

Purpose
To update Section 7 to exclude lead as an intentional ingredient in potable water plastic piping system components and related materials.

Background
A California law requires that virtually all components of a plumbing system conveying potable water, including all pipe and fittings, contain no more than 0.25% lead. This creates a number of problems, especially for faucet manufacturers. A solution to address the requirements put forth in the California law has been proposed that would require third party verification (by an ANSI-accredited certifier) of the lead content for any covered product. This would include plastic pipe and fittings.

NSF has had a certification policy for decades not allowing the use of lead as an intentional ingredient in any plastic pipe or fittings products used to convey potable water. This proposal adds the no lead policy as a requirement under NSF/ANSI 14. In addition, this change will allow certification to NSF/ANSI 14 by any third party certification agency to be the evidence that plastic pipe materials comply with the new no lead requirement.

Public Health Impact
This change will help ensure that lead is not used as an ingredient in plastics used in potable water applications.

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

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