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NSF/ANSI Stds. 61/361
Conformity Assessment
Standard Task Group

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- There are currently 8 ANSI accredited certification organizations for NSF 61.
- The frequency of surveillance audits and follow-up testing varies between each certifier and their certification policies.
- While most certified products continue to comply with the standard, a significant number do fail monitoring testing.
- At the 2017 DWAJC System Components meeting, a task group was formed to investigate the possibility of a Conformity Assessment Standard, similar to NSF/ANSI 223.
- Failure rate data from NSF & UL was presented at the 2017 meeting. Other certification organizations were requested to provide similar data, but none has been forthcoming.
The Task Group held six meetings (January, February, March, May, July & October). All the documents are present on the CA 361 TG group folder on the NSF website.

There are 14 voting members and 18 observers.

The discussions centered on the need for an additional standard. Existing ISO standards (e.g., 17020, 17025 & 17065) were proposed as alternatives, but the oversight provided therein falls short of what is intended. (Specifics on this point are provided in the March TG meeting notes.)

An additional topic was the perceived need for unannounced inspections as the primary means of conducting audits. Data on past failure of announced inspections of galvanized pipe and unannounced restaurant inspections was provided.

A preliminary draft of the standard format was prepared, but without much detail on inspections and methods.
There has not been much agreement and/or unanimity as to the wisdom and nature of the proposed CA standard.

So, after much discussion, two questions were posed at the October meeting, and the TG members were requested to vote on them. The TG observers were invited to submit comments.

**Question 1**: Are you in favor of developing a conformity assessment standard to establish minimum requirements for certification of products to NSF Standard 61?

**Question 2**: Do you believe that unannounced inspections should be the primary method of inspection (with certain exceptions) to ensure compliance with the provisions of NSF Standard 61?

The results follow and are present on the CA 361 Group Folder.
Results of Survey Questions: Task Group Members

Six comments were received on Question 1
Eight comments were received on Question 2

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