Meeting Summary

Welcome
Matthew Reallff, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the NSF Joint Committee (JC) for the Resilient Flooring Standard.

Review Agenda
Reallff reviewed the agenda.

Agenda
Meeting Launch:
• Welcome
• Review call agenda
Roll Call and Anti-Trust Statement
Review of and discussion of NSF 332 Issue Paper 2020-01
• Project Scope and Goals
• Criteria
Proposed Task Groups and Call for Volunteers
Next Steps and Action Items:
• Upcoming Meetings
• Next Steps
Adjourn

No other changes, objections or additions to the agenda were noted

Joint Committee
Reallff noted that some JC members were unable to attend today. A complete list of Committee members is on the Committee workspace. Reallff asked Burr if quorum was reached. Burr stated that quorum was met. There were 16 out of 24 JC members in attendance, meeting quorum requirements. The meeting attendance record is located at the end of this document.

Anti-Trust Statement
Reallff asked Andrea Burr, NSF, to read the NSF Anti-Trust Statement. Burr read the statement. Reallff asked that the meeting summary reflect that the Anti-Trust Statement was read, and no concerns were raised.
Project Scope and Criteria

Jane Rohde, Vice-Chair, provided an overview of the NSF 332 proposed revision, including project scope, criteria and an overview of the proposed baseline document. This is a revision of the previous version of the standard, which was out of date. Rohde worked with Bill Freeman, Technical Consultant with the Resilient Floor Covering Institute, in consultation with producers and specifiers.

NSF 332 Resilient Flooring – 2015 allows levels of certification (e.g., silver, gold platinum), but the proposed draft has been written as a baseline document without incremental increases. Specifiers have indicated that the levels were not useful, but manufacturers saw it as a tool for continuous improvement, which was the original intent of the standard.

Much has happened since the 2015 publication, including broad use of environmental product declarations (EPDs), and health product declarations (HPDs) have gained traction. We are in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic although it does not directly impact the industry, best practices in sanitization have been altered, the implications of which should be considered during this effort.

The standard addresses the following areas of impact: environmental, health & wellness, sustainability and social. We anticipate forming a Task Group in each area of focus, Realff encouraged participants to volunteer in their area of interest.

NSF 332 Resilient Flooring scope includes:

- Vinyl tile;
- Luxury vinyl tile, including vinyl plank – the sector has grown to be a large market segment since the 2015 publication;
- Rigid core tile – new product since the last publication;
- Solid vinyl tile;
- Vinyl composition tile;
- Hetero and homogeneous sheet vinyl;
- Rubber flooring;
- Polymeric flooring – uses different polymeric binders;
- Linoleum; and
- Cork flooring.

Items not covered by the NSF 332 Resilient Flooring scope include: Flotex, wood, laminate, ceramic tile, and wood composite flooring.

As a multi-attribute standard, the product is taken in the context of application with performance and sustainability attributes.

Since publication of the 2015 version of the standard, health & wellness aspects have grown within the sustainability landscape which goes beyond the built environment and includes impacts to the occupant. Social aspects address things like where the labor comes from, locality of production and how a product is produces. All 23 sustainability aspects included in the earlier version are included, although some may have been moved to different section, and meet prerequisites.
Criteria have been organized into Environmental, Health & Wellness, and Social impacts. Environmental and Health & Wellness impacts do have some overlap. Rohde suggested this be kept in mind and encouraged members to feel free to make recommendations in this regard.

Rohde asked if there were any questions.

**Review and Discussion (Sections 5-7):**

Environmental Impacts, Section 5 discussion around the inclusion of the body of information collected to conduct an impact assessment should include energy/mass data.

Product Transparency and Ingredient Disclosure Section 5.2.1.1 and 5.2.1.2 has much to be decided, following a discussion it was recommended that a Task Group on Environmental Impacts be formed to study intentionally/unintentionally added, threshold, supply chain vs producer control, auditing of management plans (including measurement, life cycle impact in water resources, energy utilization to ensure usability) and propose revisions for committee review. Explore existence of Cork Flooring EPD.

**Volunteers:** D Kitts, A Kosmides, D Harris, J Olsen, C Taylor

Health & Wellness Impacts, Section 6 was reviewed.

Social Impacts, Section 7 span of control, the meaning of manufacturer (organization applying for certification) should be defined by the group and approved by stakeholders, definition of discrimination (all bad) can be in definitions or an informative annex, child labor... Consider complexity inherent in the requirements.

**Next Steps and Wrap Up**

- Doodle poll will be sent to schedule the next JC meeting for approximately two weeks from today.
- Environmental Impacts Task Group will be formed.

**Adjourn:** Realff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

a. Motion: Rohde

b. Second: Dave Kitts

c. All approved: no objections

**Attendees:**

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