



MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Committee on Drinking Water Additives

FROM: Jon DeBoer, Chairperson of the Joint Committee

DATE: May 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 61 (61i79r1)

Enclosed is the ballot for Draft 1 of NSF/ANSI 61 issue 79. Please review the proposal and return your ballot **by the ballot due date of May 30, 2008.**

Purpose

To establish an evaluation procedure for use when a lead content requirement needs to be met in addition to current chemical extraction requirements of the standard.

Background

This was initially proposed at the 2007 DWAJC meeting. At that time, the JC referred the issue to the Lead Task Group, charging the group with bringing a recommendation back to the JC by the end of June 2008. After meeting regularly since the JC meeting, the Lead Task Group is presenting this ballot for the JC's approval. Please see the Lead Task Group cover memo for additional details on the content and addressing of comments received on the initial straw ballot of this issue.

Public Health Impact

Although it is not known if the reduction in lead content to a 0.25% weighted average requirement is any more or less protective of public health than the extraction requirements currently in Standard 61, the addition of this optional annex together with the current requirements can help to reduce the potential for lead exposure.

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

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