



MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Committee on Drinking Water Additives

FROM: Jon DeBoer, Chairperson of the Joint Committee

DATE: January 7, 2008

SUBJECT: Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 61 (61i77r1)

Enclosed is the ballot for Draft 2 of NSF/ANSI 61 issue 77. Please review the proposal and return your ballot **by the ballot due date of January 28, 2007.**

Purpose

To clarify the minimum requirements for information and formulation (Section 3).

Background

This is the first ballot resulting from an issue paper that was submitted and presented at the DWA Joint Committee Meeting in November 2007. Other ballots will follow dealing with other proposed changes to section 3 as discussed at the meeting. The Joint Committee discussed this issue and motioned it to ballot.

These changes are proposed based on the opinion that a certifier cannot determine the appropriate test parameters based on the material type and only run general scans. Nor is it felt that it is appropriate to only run scans as a replacement for formulation disclosure for products that are used in and near residential buildings. While scans can be useful in qualitative assessments, they frequently do not appropriately quantify the level of an extractant. Exceptions can be made and general scans can be used for very high flow products as has been done with the diluted surface area exemptions. Further revisions to section 3 will be proposed in a subsequent ballot to make it more efficient to apply to municipal water treatment equipment.

Public Health Impact

This ballot deals directly with clarifications that emphasize the need for formulation information prior to the selection of formulation-dependant analytes. The issue proponent believes that these requirements are paramount to assuring that formulation-dependant analysis is performed and the appropriate testing occurs.

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

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