



*MEMORANDUM*

**TO:** Joint Committee on Drinking Water Additives – System Components

**FROM:** France Lemieux, Chairperson

**DATE:** January 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 61 – *Drinking water system components- Health effects* (61i123r1)

Draft 1 of NSF/ANSI 61 issue 123, is being forwarded to the Joint Committee for balloting. Please review the changes proposed to these standards and **submit your ballot by February 12, 2016** via the NSF Online Workspace.

**Purpose**

This proposal removes the requirement of providing the expected service life of a product under the information and formulation requirements under section 3.2 of NSF/ANSI 61.

**Background**

Included under the list of information that must be supplied for a product to be tested under NSF/ANSI 61 is the expected service life of the product. This information was originally thought to be of value to the laboratories. However, most laboratories do not ask for the expected service life of a product and such information has no impact of the testing that is performed. Therefore, the recommendation has been made to remove this requirement from the standard.

The issue was presented at the 2014 annual DWA-SC JC meeting on December 4, 2014, and the JC unanimously voted in favor of balloting the proposed revisions. Please see the attached meeting summary excerpt and the issue document (DWA-61-2014-4) for additional information.

**Public Health Impact**

This revision will have no negative impact on public health.

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

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[Note – the changes are seen below using strikeout for removal of old text and gray highlights to show the suggested text. ONLY the highlighted text is within the scope of this ballot.]

## NSF/ANSI Standard for Drinking Water System Components – Health Effects

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### 3 General requirements

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#### 3.2 Information and formulation requirements

The following information shall be obtained and reviewed for all materials with a water contact surface to determine the appropriate analytical testing and to ensure that the potential health effects of products and materials are accurately and adequately identified:

- the product section(s) under which the product, component, or material is covered and the intended function or end use of the product or the material;
- for assemblies, sub-assemblies, products or components, a list of all materials and their corresponding surface areas that come into direct contact with water;
- when appropriate, the total volume of water that the product can hold when filled to capacity;
- ~~the expected service life of the product;~~
- the anticipated minimum, maximum, and average volumes of water that come into contact with the product, component, or material during a 24-h period;

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***Reason: Removed per 2014 annual DWA-SC JC meeting discussion (December 4, 2014)***