



TO: Joint Committee on Sustainable Flooring
FROM: Matthew Realff, Chair of the Joint Committee
DATE: July 22, 2022
SUBJECT: Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 332: *Sustainability Assessment for Resilient Floor Coverings* (332i11r1)

Revision 11 of NSF/ANSI 332, issue 1 is being forwarded to the Joint Committee for consideration. Please review the proposal and **submit your ballot by August 5, 2022** via the NSF Online Workspace <www.standards.nsf.org>.

Please review all ballot materials. When adding comments, please include the section number applicable to your comment and add all comments under one comment number whenever possible. If you need additional space, please use the attached blank comment template in the reference documents and upload online via the browse function.

****Please note that this is a 14-day ballot.**

Purpose

The proposed revision will clean up language that was missed in previous ballots.

Background

After opening the ballot for 332i10r1, there were a few more corrections found that needed to be balloted before publication of the standard can take place. A copy of the r3.1 and r10 ballots can be found as a reference to this ballot.

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 recommended changes to the standard which include the current text of the relevant section(s) indicate deletions by use of ~~strikeout~~ and additions by **grey highlighting**. Rationale Statements are in *italics* and only used to add clarity; these statements will NOT be in the finished publication.]

NSF/ANSI Standard for Sustainability –

Sustainability Assessment for Resilient Floor Coverings

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Foreword

This American National Standard, NSF/ANSI 332 Sustainability Assessment for Resilient Floor Coverings has been developed as part of the ongoing efforts of interested parties to assess the sustainability initiatives of the resilient floor covering industry. Stakeholders involved in developing the standard included resilient floor covering manufacturers, end users including consultants and certifiers, federal and state environmental agencies, academics, and non-governmental organizations.

The purpose of the Sustainability Assessment for Resilient Floor Coverings standard is to provide information that is verifiable, accurate, and not misleading about the Environmental Impacts, Health and Wellness Impacts, and Social Impacts of resilient floor coverings. Products certified to this standard for Level 1 certification are required to meet all Level 1 criteria in each of the three categories. Products certified to this standard for Level 2 meet all of the criteria for Level 1, as well as have optional criteria with minimum requirements for each of the three categories. See Section 4 *Conformance, evaluation, and assessment criteria* for additional information.

The intent of this standard is to encourage reduction in impacts by disclosing and measuring inputs with the goal of using this information to reduce Environmental, Health and Wellness, and Social Impacts. Measuring inputs and disclosing information provides manufacturers with a basis for establishing internal benchmarks and goals of continuously reducing impacts.

As used in this standard, “resilient floor coverings” include, but are not limited to, vinyl tile, luxury vinyl tile, rigid core tile, solid vinyl tile, vinyl composition tile, heterogeneous and homogeneous sheet vinyl, rubber flooring, polymeric flooring, linoleum flooring, and cork flooring. The standard is applicable to products manufactured in one facility or multiple facilities, one country or multiple countries.

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1.0 General

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1.2 Scope

As used in this standard, “resilient floor coverings” include, but are not limited to, vinyl tile, luxury vinyl tile, rigid core tile, solid vinyl tile, vinyl composition tile, heterogeneous and homogeneous sheet vinyl, rubber flooring, polymeric flooring, linoleum flooring, and cork flooring. Also included are flooring accessories such as wall base, moldings, and stair treads.

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7.0 Social Impacts

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7.2.1 Community outreach program

Community outreach program involvement ~~policy~~ that demonstrates positive social outreach; including but not limited to provision of local employment opportunities and involvement in civic activities that support the surrounding community. Community Outreach Program documentation is required to be publicly posted.

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7.3.1 Organization seeking certification demonstrates the organization has completed a company-wide assessment (full impact report) of its Social and environmental Impacts using the B Impact Assessment Tool. app.bimpactassessment.net

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7.5.1.1 Community outreach program

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