

Joint Committee on Drinking Water Additives – System Components

March 17, 2025

Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI/CAN 61 – Drinking Water System Components – Health Effects (61i192r1)

Revision 1 of NSF/ANSI/CAN 61, issue 192 is being forwarded to the Joint Committee for consideration. Please review the proposal and **submit your ballot by April 7, 2025** via the NSF Online Workspace.

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.

Purpose

The proposed revision will move the instructions and information guidance for POE systems from Section 10 to the general part of Section 8.

Background

As part of the effort of the DWA task group on 61 Reorganization, the TG is working to organize similar information into one location rather than scattered throughout the standard. An initial goal is to remove duplicates without forcing major section renumbering by redirecting existing sections to a single location with the information. Once all the duplications have been resolved, a major restructuring effort will be submitted, which will impact section references (although the section scopes will remain the same). To simplify the reorganization and review process, issue papers will be prepared with a specific scope, and a table will be maintained in the Supplementary Materials section of each subsequent issue paper so that the Joint Committee can keep track of the multiple issue papers that will be submitted on behalf of the task groups work.

Instructions and information related to POE drinking water treatment unit systems is currently located in Section 10 of NSF/ANSI/CAN 61. POE systems are evaluated in Section 8 of the standard, and no guidance in Section 8 directs to the requirements in Section 10, which could result in the requirements being overlooked.

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.]

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Drinking Water System Components – Health Effects

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8 Mechanical devices

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- 8.3 Device, component, or material General requirements
- 8.3.1 General Evaluation of devices, components, or materials tested to this section of the standard

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8.3.4 POE system instructions and information

When product literature, instructions, or information for a POE drinking water treatment unit system shows conformance with the materials safety requirements of this standard as attested by a certification agency, and when the POE treatment system is not likewise certified by that same agency for drinking water contaminant reduction performances, such literature, instructions, and information shall state in comparable proximity and with comparable prominence either:

- the name of the entity that has tested and substantiated the claimed contaminant reduction performances for that water treatment product; or
- that the product is not certified for contaminant reduction performance by the certification agency. The following is an example of an accepted option:

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Point-of-Entry System Tested and Certified by [Name of Certifier] under NSF/ANSI/CAN 61 for Materials Safety Requirements Only. Not Certified for Contaminant Reductions or Structural Integrity by [Name of Certifier]

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Rationale: Instructions and information related to POE drinking water treatment unit systems are being moved from section 10 to section 8 to keep related information in one place and reduce the risk of information being overlooked.