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Foreword²

The purpose of this standard is to establish consistent site selection, sampling, laboratory analysis and data evaluation methods for obtaining field performance results for onsite wastewater treatment systems. This Standard provides site selection, field sampling, analytical, and statistical methods for evaluating the field performance of residential wastewater treatment systems capable of providing at least secondary treatment.

A number of field studies published in past years have varied significantly in methodology, quality, and performance results. Further, many state and local regulatory jurisdictions are increasingly interested in field performance data to compliment lab performance data. While NSF/ANSI 40 and 245 remain a valuable demonstration of initial product performance under defined conditions of test, the addition of field data can further demonstrate system performance when subjected to the variability of individual residences.

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1 General

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to establish consistent site selection, sampling, laboratory analysis and data evaluation methods for obtaining field performance results for onsite wastewater treatment systems.

1.2 Scope

This Standard provides site selection, field sampling, analytical, and statistical methods for evaluating the field performance of residential wastewater treatment systems capable of providing at least secondary treatment.

Only treatment systems that are certified in accordance with NSF/ANSI 40 or NSF/ANSI 245 as applicable may be evaluated under this Standard. A treatment system completing third-party testing in compliance with an evaluation, certification and listing protocol equivalent to NSF/ANSI 40 or NSF/ANSI 245 as applicable shall be acceptable, provided all data pursuant to the testing is published and the results verify that the device is capable of treatment as defined in NSF/ANSI 40 or NSF/ANSI 245 as applicable.

2 Normative references

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American Public Health Association (APHA), American Water Works Association (AWWA) & Water Environment Federation (WEF): *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, 21st Edition, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as *Standard Methods*)³

NSF/ANSI 40, *Residential wastewater treatment systems*

NSF/ANSI 245, *Wastewater treatment systems – nitrogen reduction*

USEPA, *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40: Protection of Environment, July 1, 2010*⁴

³ Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater <www.standardmethods.org>

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