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Foreword²

The purpose of this Standard is to establish minimum requirements for materials, design and construction, and performance of point-of-use reverse osmosis drinking water treatment systems. NSF/ANSI 58 also specifies minimum product literature requirements that manufacturers must provide to authorized representatives and owners. Minimum service related obligations for manufacturers to extend to system owners are also specified in this Standard.

Water contact materials in Drinking Water Treatment Units listed under NSF/ANSI 42, 44, 53, 55, 58, and 62 are tested and evaluated under a separate protocol from NSF/ANSI 61 with criteria that were developed specifically for the intended end-use. NSF/ANSI 61 listing should not be additionally required for acceptance of these listed units for water contact application.

Issue 57

This revision addresses tentatively identified compounds (TICs) and unknown compounds that are found during extraction testing under section 4 and clarifies the analytical method(s) to be used to evaluate these compounds under Annex C.

Issue 63

Individual sample point limits for the chloroform surrogate test for VOC reduction was added under section 7. This issue also specifies methanol as the acceptable solvent for organic chemical and VOC reduction testing,

Issue 64

This revision addresses premature clogging of filters during testing under section 7 and clarifies what is and is not allowed with regards to pre-filtering the challenge water of products if requested by the manufacturer. Annex D specifies acceptable procedures that may be used.

Suggestions for improvement of this Standard are welcome. This Standard is maintained on a Continuous Maintenance schedule and can be opened for comment at any time. Comments should be sent to Chair, Joint Committee on Drinking Water Treatment Units at standards@nsf.org, or c/o NSF International, Standards Department, P.O. Box 130140, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48113-0140, USA.

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Reverse osmosis drinking water treatment systems

1 General

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to establish minimum requirements for materials, design and construction, and performance of reverse osmosis drinking water treatment systems. This Standard also specifies the minimum product literature that manufacturers shall supply to authorized representatives and owners, as well as the minimum service-related obligations that manufacturers shall extend to system owners.

1.2 Scope

The point-of-use reverse osmosis drinking water treatment systems addressed by this Standard are designed to be used for the reduction of specific substances that may be present in drinking water supplies (public or private) considered to be microbiologically safe and of known quality (except that claims for the reduction of filterable cysts may be permitted). Systems covered by this Standard are intended for reduction of total dissolved solids (TDS) and other contaminants specified herein. Systems with components or functions covered under other NSF or NSF/ANSI Standards or Criteria shall conform to the applicable requirements therein.

1.3 Chemical and mechanical reduction performance claims

1.3.1 All NSF/ANSI 58 performance claims shall be verified and substantiated by test data generated under the requirements of NSF/ANSI 58.

1.3.2 When performance claims are made for substances not specifically addressed in the scope of this Standard or for those substances not specifically addressed but falling under the scope of NSF/ANSI 58, claims not specifically addressed in the Standard shall be so identified.

2 Normative references

The following documents contain provisions that constitute requirements of this Standard. At the time of publication, the indicated editions were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

APHA, *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, twentieth edition³

NSF/ANSI 53 – 2004. *Drinking water treatment units – Health effects*

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