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WQA OFFERS NSF/ANSI 60 AND NSF/ANSI 61 CERTIFICATIONS

Lisle, Illinois – June 23, 2005 Manufacturers asked for more competition among product certification bodies and WQA responded—the Water Quality Association (WQA) has expanded its Product Certification Program to include NSF/ANSI 60 and NSF/ANSI 61 Certifications.

Manufacturers and suppliers of chemicals, plumbing products, pipe, fittings, paints, coatings, media, faucets—and anything else that touches drinking water—can use WQA for their NSF/ANSI product certification needs.

WQA, as an American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited certification body, can provide the same product certification services as NSF International (NSF), Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA), and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) for drinking water standards.

Manufacturers do have a choice

Manufacturers should understand that the certification standards are public domain and that certification bodies verifying products to the NSF/ANSI standards are really just like competing vendors. Therefore, they should approach their certification requirements as they would any other vendor service—obtain competitive quotes, determine who provides the best customer service, and only then choose the certification body that best meets all their company's needs.

Regulatory Approval

Often, manufacturers are confused about product certifications and regulatory requirements. In a nutshell, most states require that products must comply with NSF/ANSI 60 or NSF/ANSI 61 standards and be certified *by an ANSI-accredited certification body*.

Companies understand that they need to meet NSF/ANSI 60 or NSF/ANSI 61 but the confusion comes when this statement is shortened, for example, to “I need NSF Certification for regulatory compliance.” NSF International does publish standards written by representatives from across the industry—but, independently, they also certify products to those standards.

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The Water Quality Association is the not-for-profit international trade association representing the household, commercial/industrial, and small system water treatment industry.

