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California implements new NSF/ANSI 60 and 61 requirements

WQA Gold Seal Certification Program complies with new code

LISLE, Illinois — Keeping abreast with the state of California on updated NSF/ANSI 60 and 61 regulations, the Water Quality Association has ensured its product certification policies comply with the new rules.

American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredits certification bodies such as WQA, which are used by California to ensure product and chemical compliance used by municipal waterworks. The change will not increase the fees companies pay for WQA certification, said Tom Palkon, Director, WQA Product Certification.

California's new code went into effect on March 9. The code officially adopted NSF/ANSI 61 and revised the NSF/ANSI 60 requirements that have been in the waterworks regulations since 1994. Among other changes, the new code requires annually: product testing, facility inspections, quality assurance, good manufacturing practices, and chemical stock inspections of direct additive chemicals certified to the NSF/ANSI 60 standard. To view the entire code, see www.cdph.ca.gov/services/DPOPP/regs/Pages/R-14-03-RevisionofWaterworksStandards.aspx.

A member of WQA's Public Health Review Board, Gary Yamamoto, PE, who also serves as assistant chief, Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management, California Department of Public Health, helps to overview WQA's processes. The Review Board ratifies WQA policies to ensure compliance.

"WQA's policies fully comport with California's new requirements," Palkon said.

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