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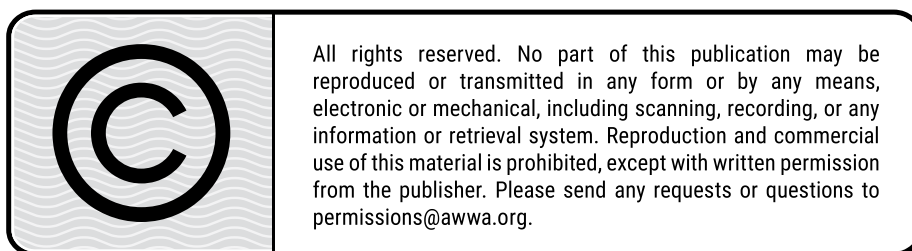
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Foreword

This foreword is for information only and is not a part of ANSI/AWWA C550.*

I. Introduction.

I.A. *Background.* This standard describes protective interior coatings for valves used for water supply, wastewater collection and treatment, and reclaimed water service having a pH range from 4 to 9 and for hydrants used for water supply service. The standard describes the material, application, and performance requirements for these interior coatings. The coating shall be either a liquid or powder system and shall not contain coal tar. These coatings are applied to interior ferrous surfaces of valves and hydrants where corrosion protection is specified.

I.B. *History.* An AWWA joint task group was formed on Jan. 15, 1971, to study protective coatings for valves and hydrants in response to a request from the Gate Valve and Swing Check Valve, Butterfly Valve, and Fire Hydrant Standards committees. The purpose of this task group was to assemble all of the available information on protective coatings for valves and hydrants and to prepare a report from this information.

The AWWA Standards Committee on Protective Interior Coatings for Valves and Hydrants produced the first edition of ANSI/AWWA C550 in 1980. It was approved by the AWWA Board of Directors on Jan. 25, 1981. Subsequent editions were approved on Jan. 28, 1990; June 17, 2001; Jan. 16, 2005; Jan. 20, 2013; and Jan. 14, 2017. This edition of the standard was approved on June 8, 2024.

I.C. *Acceptance.* In May 1985, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) entered into a cooperative agreement with a consortium led by NSF International (NSF[†]) to develop voluntary third-party consensus standards and a certification program for direct and indirect drinking water additives. Other members of the original consortium included the Water Research Foundation (formerly AwwaRF) and the Conference of State Health and Environmental Managers (COSHEM). AWWA and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) joined later.

In the United States, authority to regulate products for use in or in contact with drinking water rests with individual states.[‡] Local agencies may choose to impose

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‡ Persons outside the United States should contact the appropriate authority having jurisdiction.

requirements more stringent than those required by the state. To evaluate the health effects of products and drinking water additives from such products, state, provincial, and local agencies may use various references, including

1. Specific policies of the state or local agency.
2. Four standards developed under the direction of NSF: NSF/ANSI/CAN[§] 60, Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals—Health Effects; NSF/ANSI/CAN 61, Drinking Water System Components—Health Effects; NSF/ANSI/CAN 372, Drinking Water System Components—Lead Content; and NSF/ANSI/CAN 600, Health Effects Evaluation and Criteria for Chemicals in Drinking Water.
3. Other references, including AWWA standards, *Food Chemicals Codex*, *Water Chemicals Codex*,[‡] and other standards considered appropriate by the state or local agency.

Various certification organizations may be involved in certifying products in accordance with NSF/ANSI/CAN 61. Individual states, provinces, or local agencies have authority to accept or accredit certification organizations within their jurisdiction. Accreditation of certification organizations may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

NSF/ANSI/CAN 600 (which formerly appeared in NSF/ANSI/CAN 60 and 61 as Annex A, “Toxicology Review and Evaluation Procedures”) does not stipulate a maximum allowable level (MAL) of a contaminant for substances not regulated by a USEPA final maximum contaminant level (MCL). The MALs of an unspecified list of “unregulated contaminants” are based on toxicity testing guidelines (noncarcinogens) and risk characterization methodology (carcinogens). Use of NSF/ANSI/CAN 600 procedures may not always be identical, depending on the certifier.

ANSI/AWWA C550 does not address additives requirements. Users of this standard should consult the appropriate state, provincial, or local agency having jurisdiction in order to

1. Determine additives requirements, including applicable standards.
2. Determine the status of certifications by parties offering to certify products for contact with or treatment of drinking water.
3. Determine current information on product certification.

[§] Standards Council of Canada, 55 Metcalfe Street, Suite 600, Ottawa, ON K1P 6L5 Canada.

[‡] Both publications available from National Academy of Sciences, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.