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Foreword

This foreword is for information only and is not a part of ANSI/AWWA F110.

I. Introduction

I.A. *Background.* Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection systems have gained increased acceptance for use in water treatment plants based on information that UV disinfection could cost-effectively inactivate *Cryptosporidium*. In addition, the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR) has recognized UV disinfection as a best available technology for meeting the requirements of the rule.

I.B. *History.* The need for a standard addressing UV disinfection systems was recognized by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) in November 2005. The committee was appointed for the task of standardization, and at the first inaugural meeting in June 2006, a committee was formed to develop a standard. The first edition was approved by the AWWA Board of Directors on June 10, 2012 and June 19, 2016. This edition was approved on June 10, 2022.

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). The American Water Works Association (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 requirements more stringent than those required by the state. To evaluate the health effects of products and drinking water additives from such products, state and local agencies may use various references, including

1. Specific policies of the state or local agency.

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

2. Two standards developed under the direction of NSF,[†] NSF/ANSI[‡]/CAN[§] 60, Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals—Health Effects, and NSF/ANSI/CAN 61, Drinking Water System Components—Health Effects.

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 or local agencies have authority to accept or accredit certification organizations within their jurisdiction. Accreditation of certification organizations may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

Annex A, “Toxicology Review and Evaluation Procedures,” to NSF/ANSI/CAN 61 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 Annex A procedures may not always be identical, depending on the certifier.

ANSI/AWWA F110 does not address additives requirements. Therefore, users of this standard shall consult the appropriate state 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.

II. Special Issues. Conditions under which the UV disinfection system is to be operated must be evaluated carefully by the purchasers. The evaluation must include the determination of the hydraulic characteristics of the system in which the UV disinfection system will be installed and the electrical circuits required for its operation, including the maximum and static differential pressures across the system and the range of flow through the UV system under the most adverse operating conditions.

Sensors (UV intensity and UV transmittance) are critical components for making UV disinfection a credible technology for municipal drinking water. For all sensors, both

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

the frequency and specificity of calibration may vary by location and UV manufacturer. In designing UV facilities and specifying UV equipment, accessible, easy-to-use sensor calibration routines should be highlighted as part of any basic instrumentation package. For example, small changes in transmittance in low-UV-absorbing waters can significantly change the delivered UV dose. As such, where ultraviolet transmittance (UVT) monitors are used as part of verifying adequate dose delivery, the purchaser, in consultation with the engineer and manufacturer, may consider tightening maximum UVT error limits where UVT is high (e.g., ≥ 94 percent).

The continuing study and research of UV inactivation of microorganisms results in incremental improvements to the design and operation of UV systems. As such, those involved in UV system implementation should be familiar with the findings of such studies. Several references relevant to UV systems released since the last update of this standard include the following:

- *Guidance for Implementing Action Spectra Correction with Medium Pressure UV Disinfection* (Project #4376, Water Research Foundation, 2014) – This document describes the methodologies and results for development of updated UV dose-response data for target pathogens and challenge microorganisms, especially across the action spectra from 200 to 300 nm that is relevant to medium-pressure lamp systems.
- *Validation and Site-Specific Action Spectra Correction Factors for Medium Pressure Ultraviolet Disinfection Systems* (Project #4478, Water Research Foundation, 2018) – Using the data from Project #4376 referenced above, this document describes approaches for incorporating Action Spectra Correction Factors (ASCFs) within the UV dose-validation and monitoring equations.
- *Innovative Approaches for Validation of Ultraviolet Disinfection Reactors for Drinking Water Systems* (USEPA, March 2017) – This document describes several advancements in UV dose monitoring and validation of UV reactors. Approaches include modified UV dose monitoring algorithms that can eliminate the need for RED bias factors. The document also proposes approaches for medium pressure UV lamp reactors to implement “low wavelength” UV sensors and corresponding monitoring algorithms to gain credit for disinfection from wavelengths below 240 nm.

III. Use of This Standard. It is the responsibility of the user of an AWWA standard to determine that the products described in that standard are suitable for use in the particular application being considered.

III.A. Purchaser Options and Alternatives. The following information shall be provided by the purchaser:

1. Standard used—that is, ANSI/AWWA F110, Ultraviolet Disinfection Systems for Drinking Water, of latest revision.
2. Equipment requirements (Sec. 4.1).
3. Request for validation status or an executive summary of the validation report (Sec. 4.3.5.2).
4. Details of federal, state, provincial, territorial, and local requirements (Sec. 4.4.1).
5. Whether compliance with NSF/ANSI/CAN 61, Drinking Water System Components—Health Effects, is not required (Sec. 4.4.1.1).
6. Request for factory test results (Sec. 5.1.1.2).
7. Request for shop inspection by the purchaser (Sec. 5.1.1.3).
8. Request for on-site field representative (Sec. 5.2.2).
9. Request for a supplier check of equipment for correct installation and function (Sec. 5.2.3).
10. Request for a required number of training materials (Sec. 5.2.5.2).
11. Specify acceptance testing time requirements (Sec. 5.2.6).
12. Request storage requirements (Sec. 6.2.3).

III.B. Laying Length. There is not a standard laying length for UV disinfection systems and because of this, interchangeability between various manufacturers may not be possible without modification to the existing piping system. The purchaser is cautioned to obtain this information from the manufacturers for verification prior to purchase (Sec. 4.3.2.4).

III.C. Testing. This standard requires the manufacturer to have third-party validation testing conducted on a fully assembled system. If the purchaser desires that an additional validation test or other additional testing be conducted on the installed, fully assembled system, this requirement should be specified in the purchase documents (Sec. 4.6).

III.D. Modifications to Standard. Any modification to the provisions, definitions, or terminology in this standard must be provided by the purchaser.

IV. Major Revisions. Major revisions made to the standard in this edition include the following:

1. A brief summary of recent and relevant references related to UV validation and dose control has been added to the Foreword.
2. Several definitions were refined, including those related to the validation approaches and UV transmittance. Definitions for bioassay (biodosimetry) and surrogate microorganism were added.
3. Addition of functional test requirements to equipment checks in Sec. 5.2.3.
4. Additions and clarifications to operation and manual requirements in Sec. 5.3.1.

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