

NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) International is a private company that certifies various products for clients worldwide. Since NSF derives its income from its clients, NSF's major concern is keeping them happy. It is not possible, for example, to obtain test results for fluoridation products certified by NSF. That point is made abundantly clear on p. 4 of their [Application Form](#) for drinking water treatment chemicals, which is where manufacturers are supposed to list all ingredients in their product.

There, in large red letters, is the following statement: **All information contained on this page is confidential.** Despite this confidentiality statement, Stan Hazan has [testified](#) (p.50, Lines 10-15) to the House Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment that applications for certification have not contained toxicological studies relevant to chemical impurities. It certainly appears that NSF is more concerned with protecting its clients than protecting the public.

Below is the information about Standard 60 that appears on NSF's website. It is not possible to provide a link to the actual Standard 60 requirements because NSF charges \$325 for them plus another \$45 for an addendum.

## **NSF/ANSI Standard 60**

NSF/ANSI Standard 60, first adopted by the NSF Board of Trustees on October 7, 1988, covers corrosion and scale control chemicals; pH adjustment, softening, precipitation, and sequestering chemicals; coagulation and flocculation chemicals; well-drilling products; disinfection and oxidation chemicals; and miscellaneous and specialty chemicals for treatment of drinking water. The standard addresses the health effects implications of treatment chemicals and related impurities. Both the treatment chemical and the related impurities are considered contaminants for evaluation purposes.

The two principal questions addressed are:

1. Is the chemical safe at the maximum dose, and
2. Are impurities below the maximum acceptable levels?

Reaction by-products such as the disinfection by-products of chlorine, ozone, hydrogen peroxide, or other chemicals are not covered by this scope of the standard.