



MAINE CDC DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

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Drinking Water Chemicals and Additives: Quality Assurance

IMPORTANT: All chemicals added to drinking water must be certified to meet NSF/ANSI Standard 60-2009: Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals-Health Effects.

Maine Water operators take great effort to produce quality water 24 hours a day. The responsibility of quality assurance rests with each PWS. Diligent operators are looking carefully at drinking water chemicals and additives to assure that the water system uses the highest quality products available. We encourage facilities to track their NSF Standard 60 certified products, as there are some changes taking place with suppliers and manufacturers. The critical point is to check for the NSF Standard 60 product before it is unloaded. Once unloaded, it is yours regardless of quality. For bulk shipments, the NSF Standard 60 certification stamp is on the bill of lading, shipping papers, or may come in the form of a certificate of analysis. Drums may or may not be marked. Bags should always be marked as they are manufactured, certified, and packaged on site. Many facilities now have an excellent paper trail and files to document that their facility is receiving the best drinking water products – certified to the highest standard possible in every shipment.

One standard NSF/ Standard 60- Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals and Additives-Health Effects

Three companies that certify to the one standard (NSF, UL, WQA):



NSF – <http://www.nsf.org/index.asp>



UL – <http://www.ul.com/global/eng/pages/>



WQA – <http://www.wqa.org/index.cfm>

In all cases, paperwork that accompanies the shipment should clearly state that the product meets NSF/ Standard 60, regardless of the certifying company.

Keep Your Drinking Water Safe

- Protect Your Source**
- Take Your Samples**
- Maintain Treatment**
- Inspect Pipes & Tanks**