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Foreword

This foreword is for information only and is not a part of ANSI/AWWA C229.*

I. Introduction.

I.A. *Background*. This standard describes the minimum material and application requirements for fusion-bonded polyethylene (FBPE) coating to be factory applied to steel water pipes and fittings.

I.B. *History*. Fusion-bonded polyethylene pipe coatings were first applied to steel pipes in the 1960s in Europe. In 1972, FBPE was introduced to Australia and in 1990 to South Africa. FBPE has been used as an external coating for water, oil, and gas pipelines. The coating system became available for use in the United States in 2006.

In March 2006, the AWWA Standards Council authorized the Steel Pipe Committee to develop a new standard for fusion-bonded polyethylene coating. The first edition of this standard was approved by the AWWA Board of Directors on June 8, 2008. Subsequent editions were approved on Jan. 24, 2015, and on April 20, 2020. This edition was approved on Oct. 14, 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 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

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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 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 C229 does not address additives requirements. Thus, users of this standard should 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.

II.A. *Advisory Information on Product Application*. This standard defines the minimum requirements of fusion-bonded polyethylene coating for long-term corrosion protection. It is intended for use as an exterior coating and for the joint region

[‡] NSF International, 789 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

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

[¶] Both publications available from The National Academies Press, 500 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

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(of rubber-gasketed field joints) of steel water pipelines for underground, underwater, and aboveground installations conveying water and wastewater.

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 should be provided by the purchaser:

1. Standard used—that is, ANSI/AWWA C229, Fusion-Bonded Polyethylene Coatings for Steel Water Pipe and Fittings, of latest revision.
2. Any exceptions to the standard.
3. Diameter, length, weld configuration, and location of pipeline.
4. Temperature of conveyed water (Sec. 1.1.1).
5. Details of federal, state, provincial, territorial, and local requirements (Sec. 4.2).
6. Whether compliance with NSF/ANSI/CAN 61, Drinking Water System Components—Health Effects, is required (Sec. 4.2.2).
7. If an alternative coating color is required (Sec. 4.3.1).
8. Requirements for FBPE cutback at pipe ends, if different (Sec. 4.5.6).
9. Requirements for coating thickness, if different (Sec. 4.5.10 and Sec. 4.6.2).
10. Requirements for coating repair, if different (Sec. 4.7).
11. Requirements for inspection and testing (Section 5).
12. Requirements for handling, transport, and storage (Sec. 6.2).
13. Affidavit of compliance (Sec. 6.3).

III.B. *Modification to Standard*. Any modification of the provisions, definitions, or terminology in this standard must be provided by the purchaser.

IV. Major Revisions. Major changes made to the standard in this revision include the following:

1. Updated Sec. I.C. Acceptance in the Foreword with the latest Standards Council language reflecting the addition of reference to NSF/ANSI/CAN 372 and NSF/ANSI/CAN 600.
2. Added Sec. 1.1.3 to cover the use of this standard for substrates other than carbon steel.
3. Added the definitions for potable water, reclaimed water, and wastewater to Sec. 3 Definitions.
4. Sec. 4.1 Equipment was revised to be consistent with the language used in other steel pipe coating standards.

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5. Updated Sec. 4.2.1 Materials with the latest Standards Council boilerplate language.

6. Sec. 4.4.6 Protection from moisture and contamination was revised.

7. A new Sec. 4.5.6 Hold-back for field welds and Sec. 4.5.7 Coating and lining selection for hold-back areas for coating pipe were added.

V. Comments. If you have any comments or questions about this standard, please call AWWA Engineering and Technical Services 303.794.7711; write to the department at 6666 West Quincy Avenue, Denver, CO 80235-3098; or e-mail standards@awwa.org.

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Fusion-Bonded Polyethylene Coatings for Steel Water Pipe and Fittings

SECTION 1: GENERAL

Sec. 1.1 Scope

This standard describes the materials and application requirements for factory-applied, fusion-bonded polyethylene (FBPE) coating to the exterior of steel water pipes and fittings.

1.1.1 *Maximum temperatures*. AWWA steel pipe coating standards are written for and based on the service temperature of potable water. Consult the manufacturer for conditions and limitations.

1.1.2 *Conditions not described in this standard*. This standard does not discuss the additional materials and procedures that may be required for difficult installation conditions, such as those encountered in the construction of submerged lines, casing pipe, directional drilling pipe, or river crossings. The manufacturer should be consulted for specific recommendations when these conditions exist.

1.1.3 *Other substrates.* When this standard is referenced for substrates other than carbon steel, the surface preparation methods, application methods, and performance data listed in this standard may not be applicable, and the coating manufacturer should be consulted.

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