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Foreword

This foreword is for information only and is not a part of ANSI/AWWA D102.

I. Introduction.

I.A. *Background.* The purpose of this standard is to provide an outline of methods and coating systems that can be used for coating or recoating steel tanks for water storage. Immediately after the final approval of ANSI/AWWA D102-21, the AWWA Standards Committee on Steel and Composite Water Storage Tanks directed the D102 Revision Task Force to start work on this edition. The final standards committee letter ballot on this edition closed on Nov. 3, 2023.

I.B. *History.* The first edition of this standard was prepared by a joint committee of AWWA and the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) and was approved as tentative on May 9, 1952. Revisions were made on June 2, 1953; May 24, 1954; and Aug. 5, 1955. The second edition of this standard was approved as tentative on Jan. 23, 1962, and was approved by the AWWA Board of Directors on Feb. 11, 1964. The third edition was approved on Jan. 28, 1978, and subsequently withdrawn on June 23, 1991. ANSI/AWWA D102 was reissued as the fourth edition and subsequently approved on Feb. 2, 1997. Subsequent editions were approved on Jan. 19, 2003; June 11, 2006; June 12, 2011; June 8, 2014; June 11, 2017; Jan. 25, 2021; and Jan. 11, 2024.

I.C. *Acceptance.* In May 1995, 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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[†] Persons outside the United States should contact the appropriate authority having jurisdiction.

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 D102 does not address additives requirements. 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.

Volatile organic compound (VOC) emission and extractable regulations continue to become more restrictive and vary greatly from state to state and within states. The user of this AWWA standard should review current federal, state or provincial, and local regulations when selecting products in this standard.

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

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

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

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 items should be provided by the purchaser:

1. Standard used—that is, ANSI/AWWA D102, Coating Steel Water-Storage Tanks, of latest revision.
2. Size, style, height, and location of structure.
3. Required coating systems (including finish color) to be used for interior and exterior surfaces (Section 4).
4. Details of federal, state, and local requirements in addition to or superseding the requirements of this standard (Sec. 4.1).
5. Required documentation of paint test or field service data (Sec. 4.3.1, 4.4.1).
6. ANSI/AWWA D102 contains a default checklist of optional requirements that the purchaser may incorporate into the project documents (see Appendix C).

III.B. *Modification 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 revision include the following:

1. AMPP** Coating Standard No. 29 on Zinc-Pigmented Primer, Performance Based, has been added as a reference document for outside coating systems OCS-2, OCS-3, OCS-4, and OCS-6.
2. AMPP Coating Standard No. 29 on Zinc-Pigmented Primer, Performance Based, has been added as a reference document for inside coating systems ICS-3, ICS-5, and ICS-6.
3. Provisions for primer, intermediate, and finish coats have been modified in Sec. 4.7.2 and Sec. 4.7.3.
4. General information on AMPP Coating Standard No. 29 has been added to Appendix Sec. A.1.
5. Guidance on overcoating considerations has been expanded in Appendix Sec. A.2 and Sec. A.3.
6. Guidance on caulking joints in roof structures on existing tanks has been expanded in Appendix Sec. A.5.7.

** AMPP, The Association for Materials Protection and Performance, 15835 Park Ten Place, Houston, TX 77084.

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



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SECTION 1: GENERAL

Sec. 1.1 Scope

This standard describes coating systems for coating and recoating the inside and outside surfaces of steel tanks used for potable water storage in water supply service. Coating systems for bolted steel tanks are not described in this standard (see ANSI/AWWA D103).

Sec. 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to provide the minimum requirements for coating steel water-storage tanks, including materials, coating systems, surface preparation, application, and inspection and testing.

Sec. 1.3 Application

This standard can be referenced in contract documents for coating steel water-storage tanks. The requirements of this standard apply when this document has been referenced and then only to coating steel water-storage tanks.