STANDARDS COUNCIL

AWWA Standards Council

Develops and maintains water and wastewater consensus standards and manuals according to procedures outlined in the AWWA Governing Documents.

AWWA STANDARDS

AWWA Standards are documents that serve as a basis for the manufacture and contract specifications for the purchase and use of water works products and services. There are over 165 AWWA standards to date, all ANSI approved.

Our Membership

The AWWA Standards Council consists of 24 members, who oversee more than 65 Standards Committees. More than 1,700 water industry professionals serve on these committees as subject matter experts. Their collective experience and knowledge provide the basis for AWWA Standards.

AWWA MANUALS

Contain useful information, best practices, and recommendations to assist operations personnel. There are 16 published manuals from the Standards Council to date.

Latest and Greatest

AWWA Standards Committees ensure that standards, manuals, and committee reports remain current by reviewing these publications every five years, making revisions, and adding new information.

The Benefits

AWWA benefits by providing its members with a way to voice opinions and ideas about current and new standards. Manufacturers benefit by knowing that all parties comply to the same requirements. Users benefit knowing that the materials and products they are purchasing and using provide satisfactory service.

The Future

AWWA Standards have been in voluntary use for over a century and are relied on by water professionals worldwide. The goal is to always advance the knowledge of design, construction, operation, and maintenance of water utilities.

For more information, visit www.awwa.org/standardsprogram.

To participate in AWWA’s Standards development process, contact Paul Olson, Senior Manager of Standards, polson@awwa.org, 303.347.6178.
A request for a new AWWA Standard may come from the AWWA Board of Directors, Councils, the Executive Committee, a Standards Committee, the AWWA membership, or other interested parties.

A formal request is submitted to the AWWA Standards Council.

The Council will then determine whether consideration should be given to the request.

Responsibility for the request is assigned to an appropriate Standards Committee. The committee works to develop a new standard, incorporate the request into the revision of an existing standard, or determine if the request cannot be completed.

The Standards Committee develops a new standard or revises an existing standard using AWWA's consensus development process.

The edited and committee-approved standard is submitted to the Standards Council for approval.

Initially, all members of the committee have to approve the draft standard and then the Standards Council has to approve it by consensus vote.

A public review period is announced to provide the opportunity for public comments before publication.

The approved standard is submitted to AWWA's Board of Directors and to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for final approval.

The new or revised standard is published within six months.

Notification is sent out announcing the new or revised standard to the public through AWWA.