NGWA Standard Development Process as Approved by ANSI
What is ANSI?

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI), founded in 1918, promotes and facilitates voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems, and safeguards their integrity.

ANSI is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit
NGWA’s Accredited ANSI Procedure

1. Project Initiation (PINS) for new and revised American National Standards

2. Development of draft ANS in accordance with NGWA’s ANSI-accredited procedures

3. Public review period (45 or 60 day announcement in Standards Action)
4. Vote and comment resolution
   (recirculation and 2nd announcement, if necessary)

5. Conclusion of all developer-level appeals

6. Submit to ANSI Board of Standards Review
7. Approval/Denial as ANS by the ANSI Board of Standards Review

8. Appeals to ANSI Board of Standards Review (if necessary)

9. Approval/Denial as ANS by the ANSI Board of Standards Review if not previously approved (step 7)
Detail of NGWA’s Step 2

2a • NGWA Standard Development Oversight Committee assigns work to 10 task groups

2b • Task groups draft content for subject areas

2c • Task groups reach consensus acceptance of drafted content
Step 2 Detail

2d. Task groups send consensus accepted draft content to NGWA Standard Development Oversight Committee

2e. NGWA Standard Development Oversight Committee collates task groups’ draft content into whole

2f. NGWA Standard Development Oversight Committee votes on proposed standard
Step 2 Detail

2g • NGWA Standard Development Oversight Committee forwards approved standard to NGWA Board of Directors

2h • NGWA Board of Directors reviews and acts on draft standard

2i • NGWA Board of Directors sends approved draft standard, as well as consensus process documentation to ANSI Board of Standards Review
Proposed NGWA/ANSI
Water Well Construction Standard
Siting, Sampling, and Recording

Plumbness and Alignment

Casing Selection and Installation
Well Screen, Intakes, and Formation Stabilizer

Grouting

Testing for Performance
Well Development

Disinfection

Water Sampling and Analysis
Permanent Well and Test Borehole Decommissioning
National Ground Water Association

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