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APSP and NSF Announce Research & Testing Agreement

The Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP) and NSF International announced they have signed an agreement to together pursue research and testing to advance health and safety in the recreational water industry.

Under the terms of the agreement, NSF will provide research and testing services for the development and maintenance of APSP standards and general research for the recreational water industry focused on prevention of injuries and recreational water illnesses.

“This agreement will enable APSP to ensure the test methods in APSP standards for pools, spas and components are robust, accurate and repeatable. This comes at a very important time when APSP is assuming ownership of product safety standards for suction fittings and safety vacuum release systems,” said Carvin DiGiovanni, APSP Senior Director, Technical and Standards.

“NSF International has been testing and certifying pool and spa equipment since 1963,” said Bob Ferguson, Vice President of Water Systems. “During that time we have developed standards for products ranging from UV systems to water test kits. We are proud and committed to work with APSP for the benefit of the recreational water industry and the advancement of public health and safety.”

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About APSP: The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP) is the world's largest international trade association and leading industry advocate representing the swimming pool, spa, and hot tub industry, with a mission to enhance the business success of its members. APSP members adhere to a code of business ethics and share a commitment to public health and safety. Its member companies include manufacturers, manufacturers' agents, distributors, designers, builders, installers, retailers, and service professionals. APSP promotes professional best practices through education, certification, standards, research, and safety.

About NSF International: NSF International, an independent, not-for-profit organization, helps protect you by certifying products and writing standards for food, water and

consumer goods (www.nsf.org). Founded in 1944, NSF is committed to protecting public health and safety worldwide. NSF is a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Food and Water Safety and Indoor Environment. Additional services include safety audits for the food and water industries, management systems registrations delivered through NSF International Strategic Registrations, organic certification provided by Quality Assurance International and education through the NSF Center for Public Health Education.