

What's New in Legionella Testing and New Proposed Standards

COOLING TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (CTI) STD-159: LEGIONELLOSIS RELATED PRACTICES FOR EVAPORATIVE COOLING WATER SYSTEMS

Purpose of Proposed Standard

"...to provide practices that contribute to the control of Legionella from evaporative cooling water systems, specifically evaporative condensers, closed-circuit cooling towers, and open-circuit cooling towers."

Requirements

- Legionella Testing by Culture
 - Disinfection protocol must be qualified by collection of negative *Legionella* samples before being accepted for a system
 - Once disinfection protocol has been qualified, testing for *Legionella* in the system must be performed periodically over a wide interval of time



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING, REFRIGERATING, AND AIR-CONDITIONING ENGINEERS (ASHRAE) STANDARD 188P: PREVENTION OF LEGIONELLOSIS ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDING WATER SYSTEMS

Purpose of Proposed Standard

"...to assist those involved in building design and facility management in preventing the disease legionellsosis" by "...identifying the points in a building's water system which, when properly controlled, can make conditions less favorable to the amplification and transmission of *Legionella* through proven system design, operational practices, and maintenance practices."

Requirements

- Survey of human-occupied buildings to determine risk characterization
- Development of a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan for Legionella control
 - Conduct Hazard analysis
 - Identification of critical control points and limits, development of system(s) to monitor control, and formulation of corrective actions to be taken when critical control points/limits are not under control
 - Documentation of water system operation and maintenance as it relates to Legionella control
 - Validation that Legionella is under control in all systems



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