

SW-RP1 is Safe for the Environment

The Importance of NSF Approval

On seawall repair projects of all scopes and sizes, ensuring environmental safety is mission-critical. That's why Seawall Repair Network®'s SW-RP1 high-strength repair material has the official NSF seal of approval for contact with drinking water. This single designation ensures compliance with the Safe Water Drinking Act (SDWA) and guarantees peace of mind for property owners and managers. The SDWA helps ensure the water we drink, bathe in, cook with, and use in myriad other ways in daily life is safe for consumption. The federal law was put in place to maintain public health standards for drinking water systems. It defines what is considered a contaminant – both man-made and naturally occurring; and outlines the agencies responsible for regulating, monitoring, and enforcing adherence to the law, primarily the Environmental Protection Agency.

The SDWA gives the EPA latitude to impose criminal and civil penalties on industries not in compliance. In 2014 enforcement efforts policing clean water netted \$163 million in penalties and fines, 155 combined years of incarceration for sentenced defendants, and \$16 million in court-ordered project clean-ups. Because so many of those defined contaminants are pertinent to even the most basic construction projects – turbidity from soil runoff, leaching from PVC pipes, potentially harmful and corrosive chemicals, and more – understanding and adhering to the law is particularly important for industry stakeholders. Contractors and engineers must be able to confidently choose vendors whose products and services won't become the source or cause of drinking water contamination either in the short or long term. NSF certification offers assurance that such problems won't occur or will, at a minimum, be addressed.

"NSF, an independent, private, not-for-profit, third-party certification organization founded in 1944, has developed numerous health-based certification programs and consensus standards including those that relate to drinking water," reads an NSF compliance brief. "The purpose of its certification program is to promote public health and enrich the quality of life. Through its Council of Public Health and Health Advisory Board, which includes EPA health professionals, it obtains guidance in developing and maintaining programs and standards. NSF also partners with code councils to ensure ongoing compliance."

NSF-certified materials are evaluated and lab-tested, and production facilities such as our own are inspected and annually audited for re-testing to maintain certification. Seawall Repair Network® voluntarily undergoing such a rigorous certification process is invaluable to property owners and managers because it provides assurance that, at the end of the day, your seawall repair project is safe and environmentally friendly.



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