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Reference to Requirements in the 3-A Sanitary Standard for General Requirements, Number 00- for Application of Gaskets and O-rings for Third Party Verification Under the Replacement Parts and System Component Qualification Certificate Program (RPSCQC)

The following guidance shall be used by the CCE when performing TPV evaluations. This guidance is effective immediately upon receipt and shall be used until revoked or included in an up-date of the Third Party Verification (TPV) Manual.

The RPSCQC provision 3 states, *“The TPV shall be based on a specific declared base standard or Accepted Practice (i.e., pumps, fillers, compression valves, instantizing systems). In the case of a replacement part or system component that can cover multiple standards or accepted practices, all standards and accepted practices must be declared and the replacement part or system component shall meet the most restrictive criteria applicable from the base standard(s). For example, a replacement pump impeller would be linked directly to the pump standard, 02-, or a replacement rising stem valve plug would be directly linked to the appropriate valve standards.*

The publication of the *3-A Sanitary Standards for General Requirements, ANSI/3-A 00-* requires some additional guidance as to how this standard may be utilized within the RPSCQC.

1. Provision 3 remains the primary focus of the program. Any replacement part or qualified component that can be linked directly to a single standard or group of closely related standards shall be evaluated against those standards and not the General Requirements Standard.
2. A generic replacement part or qualified component that would apply to all or a “significant majority” of individual equipment standards may be evaluated against and list the General Requirements Standard. A “significant majority” shall be interpreted the same as used in the development of the General Requirements Standard.
3. O-rings and gaskets may utilize the applicable requirements of the General Requirements Standard for the purpose of listing models reviewed under the RPSCQC Program.

Evaluators are required to initial all of the applicable requirements of General Requirements Standard when conducting a TPV. The numbers of the General Requirements Standard sections used for the TPV are to be listed in the “Observations and Findings” section of the TPV Report cover page as documentation of the evaluation.