

## U.S. Federal Register Update: March 15 – March 19, 2021

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### [Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Army Corps of Engineers Port San Luis Breakwater Repair Project, Avila Beach, California](#)

**Published** 3/17/2021

**Reference** ANSI

NMFS has received a request from the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Port San Luis Breakwater Repair Project in Avila Beach, California. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on a possible one-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision. **Comments and information must be received no later than April 16, 2021.**

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### [Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NIST Associates Information System; Correction](#)

**Published** 3/18/2021

**Reference** NIST

On March 15, 2021, the Department of Commerce, published a 30-day public comment period notice in the Federal Register with FR Document Number 2021-05296 (Pages 14313-14314), and on January 7, 2021, published a 60-day public comment period notice with FR Document Number 2021-00056 (Page 1089) seeking public comments for an information collection entitled, "NIST Associates Information System." This document referenced incorrect information in the DATA section, and Commerce hereby issues a correction notice as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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### [Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NIST Associates Information System](#)

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**Reference** NIST

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on January 7, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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### [National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program-Proposed Revisions to the Personal Body Armor Laboratory Accreditation Program](#)

**Published** 3/19/2021

**Reference** NIST

The Chief of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) may approve modifications to a specific Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) when a request to modify the LAP is received. Modifications may include addition of tests, types of tests or standards that are directly relevant to the LAP. NVLAP has received a request to revise the name of its Personal Body Armor LAP to the Law Enforcement and Corrections Equipment LAP in order to better encompass the scope of this program. NVLAP has also received a request to expand the technology tested under this program to include rifle testing, helmet testing and shield testing. NIST seeks feedback from the public on these proposed revisions. **Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on April 19, 2021.**

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[National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program-Proposed Revisions to the Personal Body Armor Laboratory Accreditation Program](#)

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Reference NIST

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)'s Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee) will hold a virtual meeting via web conference on Monday, April 12, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time and Tuesday, April 13, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the Committee to review the activities of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) and develop an outline for their 2021 biennial report on the Effectiveness of NEHRP. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda and any meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP website at <http://nehrrp.gov/>. **The ACEHR will meet on Monday, April 12, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time and Tuesday, April 13, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

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[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for Decision Science Data Collections](#)

Published 3/15/2021

Reference NIST

The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB. **To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 14, 2021.**

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[Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records](#)

Published 3/16/2021

Reference NIST

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC, Commission, or Agency) has modified an existing system of records, FCC/WTB-7, Licensing and Related Support Services (formerly FCC/WTB-7, Remedy Action Request System (RARS)), subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the Federal Register notice of the existence and character of records maintained by the Agency. The FCC uses this information to record and process requests for assistance from individuals or groups in connection with FCC systems, research tools, electronic databases, licenses, authorizations, and registrations. **This action will become effective on March 16, 2021. Written comments on the system's routine uses are due by April 15, 2021. The routine uses in this action will become effective on April 15, 2021, unless written comments are received that require a contrary determination.**

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[Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records](#)

Published 3/19/2021

Reference NIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Science Advisory Board Staff Office (SABSO) is giving notice that it proposes to modify the Science Advisory Board (SAB) Database of Scientific and Technical Experts system of records, pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. The system assists EPA with providing management and technical support to three scientific and technical advisory committees that report to the EPA Administrator—the SAB, the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), and the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council). The system is being modified to change: (1) The system platform from Lotus Notes to Oracle APEX; (2) the system name from EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Database of Scientific and Technical Experts to Science Advisory Board Application (SABAPP); (3) to reduce the categories of records in the system; and (4) to stop collecting new records for the Council. **Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by April 19, 2021. New routine uses for this new system of records will be effective April 19, 2021.**

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[Special Conditions: Airbus Model A321neo ACF Airplane; Dynamic Test Requirements for Single-Occupant Oblique \(Side-Facing\) Seats With 3-Point Restraints](#)

Published 3/15/2021

Reference SAE

These special conditions are issued for the Airbus Model A321neo Cabin Flex (ACF) airplane. This airplane will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport-category airplanes. This design feature is single-occupant oblique seats with 3-point restraints. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards. **This action is effective on Airbus on March 15, 2021. Send comments on or before April 29, 2021.**

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**Special Conditions: Haeco Cabin Solutions, Boeing Commercial Airplanes Model 737-800 Airplane; Structure-Mounted Airbags**

**Published** 3/16/2021

**Reference** SAE

This action proposes special conditions for the Boeing Commercial Airplanes (Boeing) Model 737-800 airplane. This airplane, as modified by Haeco Cabin Solutions (Haeco), will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes. This design feature is structure-mounted airbags designed to protect each occupant from serious head injury in the event of an emergency landing. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These proposed special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards. **Send comments on or before April 15, 2021.**

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**TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition**

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**Reference** UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., for expansion of the scope of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. **Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before March 30, 2021.**

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