

U.S. Federal Register Update: October 10, 2022 – October 14, 2022

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[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Fans and Blowers](#)

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Reference ANSI, AHAM

On February 8, 2022, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a request for information regarding energy conservation standards for fans and blowers. In this NODA, DOE is publishing preliminary inputs and methodology for its technology, screening, engineering, shipments, markups, life cycle cost, and energy use analysis for air circulating fans. Air circulating fans are a subcategory of fans; however, air circulating fans were not included in the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory ("ASRAC") negotiations undertaken in 2015 (see Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-STD-0006). The purpose of this NODA is to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to review and provide comment on DOE's preliminary technical and economic evaluation of air circulating fans, prior to DOE's publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking for all fans and blowers. The analysis presented in this NODA is consistent with the air circulating fans scope and definitions that DOE proposed in the July 25, 2022, test procedure notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") for fans and blowers ("July 2022 TP NOPR"). DOE requests comments, data, and information regarding its analysis. **Written comments and information will be accepted on or before November 28, 2022.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Tugs Towing Drill Rig in Cook Inlet, Alaska](#)

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Reference ANSI

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued two incidental harassment authorizations (IHAs) to Hilcorp Alaska LLC to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during tugs towing jack-up rig activity in Cook Inlet, Alaska. **These authorizations are effective from September 14, 2022 through September 13, 2023 and September 14, 2023 through September 13, 2024.**

[Energy Labeling Rule](#)

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Reference AHAM

The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") issues routine updates to comparability range information on Energy Guide labels for refrigerators and freezers, dishwashers, water heaters, room air conditioners (ranges only), clothes washers, furnaces, and pool heaters in the Energy Labeling Rule ("Rule"). The Commission also makes a minor, clarifying change to requirements for determining room air conditioner capacity. **The amendments are effective January 10, 2023, with the exception of amendatory instructions 9 (appendix E1) and 15 (appendix L), which are effective on October 1, 2023.**

[Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products From the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order and Countervailing Duty Order](#)

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Reference ASTM

As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the anti dumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain biaxial integral geogrid products (geogrids) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the AD and CVD orders. **Applicable October 12, 2022.**

[Federal Implementation Plans Under the Clean Air Act for Indian Reservations in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to revise the Federal Air Rules for Reservations (FARR), which is a collection of Federal Implementation Plans (FIPs) under the Clean Air Act for Indian reservations in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The proposed revisions, the first since the FARR was promulgated in 2005, clarify aspects of the initial rules, improve implementation, reflect air quality improvement strategies similar to those implemented in neighboring jurisdictions, and add provisions to address high levels of particulate matter emissions. In addition, the EPA proposes to promulgate three new FIPs implementing the FARR, for the Snoqualmie Indian Reservation, the Cowlitz Indian Reservation, and the lands held in trust for the Samish Indian Nation. As revised, the FARR will help further protect the human health and the environment of communities in and adjacent to these Indian reservations. The FARR will continue to be implemented by the EPA or a delegated Tribal authority, until replaced by a Tribal Implementation Plan (TIP) for a particular Indian reservation. **Comments must be received on or before January 10, 2023. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), comments on the information collection provisions are best assured of consideration if the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) receives a copy of your comments on or before November 14, 2022. Please refer to the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section (section IV.B. Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of this preamble) for additional information on submitting comments to OMB. Public Hearing: If anyone contacts us requesting a public hearing on or before October 27, 2022, the EPA will hold a virtual public hearing. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for information on requesting and registering for a public hearing.**

[Certain Steel Nails From the United Arab Emirates: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021](#)

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Reference ASTM

The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain steel nails from the United Arab Emirates were sold in the United States at less than normal value during the period of review (POR) May 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021.

Applicable October 12, 2022.

[Guide for Assessing, Monitoring, and Mitigating Aging Effects on Electrical Equipment Used in Production and Utilization Facilities](#)

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Reference IEEE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a new Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.248, "Guide for Assessing, Monitoring, and Mitigating Aging Effects on Electrical Equipment Used in Production and Utilization Facilities." This RG describes an approach that is acceptable to the staff of the NRC to meet regulatory requirements for managing, monitoring, and mitigating the aging effects on electrical equipment. It endorses Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standard (Std.) 1205-2014, "IEEE Guide for Assessing, Monitoring, and Mitigating Aging Effects on Electrical Equipment Used in Nuclear Power Generating Stations and Other Nuclear Facilities." **Revision 0 to RG 1.248 is available on October 14, 2022.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys in the Area of Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf \(OCS\) Lease Areas OCS-A 0486, 0487, and 0500](#)

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Reference ISO

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to Orsted Wind Power North America LLC (Orsted) to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during marine site characterization surveys offshore from Rhode Island to Massachusetts, including the areas of Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf Lease Areas OCS-A 0486, 0487, 0500, and along potential export cable routes (ECRs) to landfall locations between Raritan Bay and Falmouth, MA. **This authorization is effective for one year from the date of issuance.**

[Manufacturing USA Semiconductor Institutes](#)

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Reference NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is seeking public input to inform the design of, and requirements for, potential Manufacturing USA institutes to strengthen the semiconductor and microelectronics innovation ecosystem,

which could include design, fabrication, advanced test, assembly, and packaging capability. These Manufacturing USA institutes are envisioned in Title XCIX of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) for America) to support efforts in research and development as well as education and workforce development, and that Act also provides for complementary initiatives including the National Semiconductor Technology Center, the National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program, and the NIST Laboratories program supporting measurement science and standards. Responses to this Request for Information (RFI) will inform NIST's development of funding opportunities for federal assistance to establish Manufacturing USA semiconductor institutes. **Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time November 28, 2022. Written comments in response to the RFI should be submitted according to the instructions in the ADDRESSES and SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION sections below. Submissions received after that date may not be considered.**

[Implementation of the CHIPS Incentives Program](#)

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Reference NIST

The CHIPS Program Office (CPO) within the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is seeking further information in order to inform the design and implementation of the CHIPS incentive programs, based on amendments to the CHIPS program resulting from the CHIPS Act of 2022. This Request for Information (RFI) follows the "Incentives, Infrastructure, and Research and Development Needs to Support a Strong Domestic Semiconductor Industry" RFI issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce (the Department) on January 24, 2022, prior to enactment of the CHIPS Act of 2022. On September 6, 2022, the Department released "A Strategy for the CHIPS for America Fund," describing the Department's implementation strategy for the funds Congress appropriated to catalyze long-term growth in the domestic semiconductor industry. This strategy was informed in part by the information received in response to the January 2022 RFI. Responses to this RFI, considered alongside responses to the prior RFI, will further inform the planning of the CPO for the implementation of these programs. **Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on November 14, 2022. Written comments in response to this RFI should be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the ADDRESSES and SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION sections below.**
