

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

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[National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Area Sources Technology Review](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing the results of the technology review conducted in accordance with the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Area Sources and proposing amendments to the NESHAP. The EPA is proposing no changes to the standards as a result of the technology review. The EPA is proposing to amend provisions regarding electronic reporting; make miscellaneous clarifying and technical corrections; simplify the petition for exemption process; and clarify requirements addressing emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM). Comments must be received on or before January 3, 2022. 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 December 20, 2021. **Comments must be received on or before January 3, 2022. 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 December 20, 2021. Public hearing. If anyone contacts us requesting a public hearing on or before November 24, 2021, we will hold a virtual public hearing. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for information on requesting and registering for a public hearing.**

[Steel Propane Cylinders From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstance Review](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME, ISO

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on steel propane cylinders from the People's Republic of China (China). Further, Commerce preliminarily determines that Yi Jun Hong Kong Limited (Yi Jun) is the successor-in-interest to Hong Kong GSBF Company Limited (GSBF) and should be assigned the same AD cash deposit rates for purposes of determining AD liability. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. **Effective November 19, 2021.**

[National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Refractory Products Manufacturing Residual Risk and Technology Review](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME, ASTM

This action finalizes the residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Refractory Products Manufacturing source category regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found the risks due to emissions of air toxics from this source category to be acceptable and that the standards provide an ample margin of safety to protect public health. As a result, the Agency is making no revisions to the emission limits for this source category based on the residual risk. In our technology review, after reviewing developments in practices, processes, and control technologies, the EPA determined that no revisions to the numeric emission limits is necessary. However, the EPA is revising certain work practice provisions based on the technology review. These final amendments also include new provisions for certain hazardous air pollutants (HAP) and a revision of the alternative fuel provisions. In addition, the Agency is taking final action on the proposed amendments for the source category to address emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM); emissions during periods of scheduled maintenance; electronic reporting of notification of compliance status (NOCS) reports, performance test results, and performance evaluation results; the addition of test methods and guidance materials; updates to several test methods; and other miscellaneous clarifying and technical corrections. **This final rule is effective on November 19, 2021. The incorporation by reference (IBR) of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of November 19, 2021.**

[Commission Information Collection Activities \(FERC-519, FERC-545, FERC-546, FERC-549C, and FERC-732\); Comment Request; Extension](#)

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Reference ANSI

In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-519, (Application under Federal Power Act Section 203); FERC-545, (Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Non-Formal)); FERC-546, (Certification of Qualifying Facility (QF) Status for a Small Power Production or Cogeneration Facility); FERC-549C, (Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines); FERC-732, (Electric Rate Schedule and Tariffs: Long-Term Firm Transmission Rights in Organized Electricity Markets). The above five collections are a part of a combined notice only and are not being combined into one OMB Collection number. **Comments on the collection of information are due January 14, 2022.**

[Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME, ASTM

This document comprises three distinct groups of actions under the Clean Air Act (CAA) which are collectively intended to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and other harmful air pollutants from the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category. First, the EPA proposes to revise the new source performance standards (NSPS) for GHGs and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) for the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category under the CAA to reflect the Agency's most recent review of the feasibility and cost of reducing emissions from these sources. Second, the EPA proposes emissions guidelines (EG) under the CAA, for states to follow in developing, submitting, and implementing state plans to establish performance standards to limit GHGs from existing sources (designated facilities) in the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category. Third, the EPA is taking several related actions stemming from the joint resolution of Congress, adopted on June 30, 2021 under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), disapproving the EPA's final rule titled, "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review," Sept. 14, 2020 ("2020 Policy Rule"). This proposal responds to the President's January 20, 2021, Executive order (E.O.) titled "Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis," which directed the EPA to consider taking the actions proposed here. **Comments must be received on or before January 14, 2022. 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 December 15, 2021.**

[Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Gathering Pipelines: Extension of Reporting Requirements, Regulation of Large, High-Pressure Lines, and Other Related Amendments](#)

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Reference ASME, ASTM

PHMSA is revising the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations to improve the safety of onshore gas gathering pipelines. This final rule addresses Congressional mandates, Government Accountability Office recommendations, and public input received as part of the rulemaking process. The amendments in this final rule extend reporting requirements to all gas gathering operators and apply a set of minimum safety requirements to certain gas gathering pipelines with large diameters and high operating pressures. The rule does not affect offshore gas gathering pipelines. **The effective date of this final rule is May 16, 2022. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain material listed in this rule as of April 14, 2006.**

[Safety Standard for Carriages and Strollers](#)

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Reference ASTM

In March 2014, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) published a consumer product safety standard for carriages and strollers under section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA). The CPSIA sets forth a process for updating mandatory standards for durable infant or toddler products that are based on a voluntary standard when a voluntary standards organization revises the standard. This direct final rule updates the mandatory standard for carriages and strollers to incorporate by reference ASTM's 2021 version of the voluntary standard. **The rule is effective on February 15, 2022, unless CPSC receives a significant adverse comment by December 20, 2021. If CPSC**

receives such a comment, it will publish a document in the Federal Register, withdrawing this direct final rule before its effective date. The incorporation by reference of the publication listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 15, 2022.

[Pure Magnesium From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021](#)

Published 11/15/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting the administrative review of the anti dumping duty (AD) order on pure magnesium from the People's Republic of China (China). The period of review (POR) is May 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021. Commerce preliminarily determines that Tianjin Magnesium International Co., Ltd. (TMI) and Tianjin Magnesium Metal Co., Ltd. (TMM) (collectively, TMI/TMM) did not have any shipments of subject merchandise during the POR. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. **Applicable November 15, 2021.**

[National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Automobiles and Light-Duty Trucks, Surface Coating of Metal Cans, Boat Manufacturing, and Clay Ceramics Manufacturing; Technical Correction](#)

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Reference ASTM

In this action, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making technical corrections to four regulations under the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) program. Specifically, the rules to be amended by this action include the following: The NESHAP for Surface Coating of Automobiles and Light-Duty Trucks, promulgated on July 8, 2020; the NESHAP for Surface Coating of Metal Cans, promulgated on February 25, 2020; the NESHAP for Boat Manufacturing, promulgated on March 20, 2020; and the NESHAP for Clay Ceramics Manufacturing, promulgated on November 1, 2019. Following signature of each of these final rules, the EPA discovered inadvertent minor errors and is correcting these errors in this action. **This final rule is effective on November 19, 2021. The incorporation by reference (IBR) of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of November 19, 2021. The incorporation by reference of certain other publications listed in the rule was approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 25, 2004 and July 8, 2020.**

[National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Carbon Black Production and Cyanide Chemicals Manufacturing Residual Risk and Technology Reviews, and Carbon Black Production Area Source Technology Review](#)

Published 11/19/2021

Reference ASTM

This action finalizes the residual risk and technology reviews (RTR) conducted for the Carbon Black Production and Cyanide Chemicals Manufacturing major source categories, and the technology review conducted for Carbon Black Production area sources, regulated under National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). In addition, we are taking final action to add new emissions standards for the Carbon Black Production and Cyanide Chemicals Manufacturing major source categories to address hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions not previously covered by these NESHAP. The EPA is also finalizing amendments for both source categories that address the startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM) provisions of the existing standards, and require electronic reporting of certain notifications, performance test results, and semiannual reports. **These final rules are effective on November 19, 2021. The incorporation by reference (IBR) of certain publications listed in the final rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of November 19, 2021.**

[Publication of a Report on the Effect of Imports of Vanadium on the National Security: An Investigation Conducted Under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as Amended](#)

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Reference IEEE

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) in this notice is publishing a report that summarizes the findings of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Commerce (the "Department") pursuant to Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended ("Section 232"), into the effect of imports of vanadium on the national security of the United States. This report was completed on February 22, 2021 and posted on the BIS website in July 2021. BIS has not published the appendices to the report in this notification of report findings, but they are available online at the BIS website, along with the rest of the report (see the ADDRESSES section). **The report was completed on February 22, 2021. The report was posted on the BIS website in July 2021.**

[Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation and Generator Interconnection; Further Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference](#)

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Reference ISO

As first announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued in this proceeding on September 16, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a staff-led technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Monday, November 15, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The conference will be held electronically. Attached to this Further Supplemental Notice is the final agenda for the technical conference.

[Meeting for Software Developers on the Common Formats for Patient Safety Data Collection](#)

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Reference ISO

AHRQ coordinates the development of sets of standardized definitions and formats (Common Formats) that make it possible to collect, aggregate, and analyze uniformly structured information about health care quality and patient safety for local, regional, and national learning. The Common Formats include technical specifications to facilitate the collection of electronically comparable data by Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs) and other entities. Additional information about the Common Formats can be obtained through AHRQ's PSO website at <https://ps0.ahrq.gov/common-formats> and the PSO Privacy Protection Center's website at https://www.psoppc.org/psoppc_web/publicpages/commonFormatsOverview.

The purpose of this notice is to announce a meeting to discuss implementation of the Common Formats with software developers and other interested parties. This meeting is designed as an interactive forum where software developers can provide input on use of the formats. AHRQ especially requests participation by and input from those entities which have used AHRQ's technical specifications and implemented, or plan to implement, the Common Formats electronically. **The meeting will be held from 1:00 to 3:30PM Eastern on Thursday, December 16th, 2021.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Distribution Transformers, Webinar and Availability of the Preliminary Technical Support Document](#)

Published 11/16/2021

Reference NEMA

On August 27, 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a notification of a webinar and availability of preliminary technical support document that DOE conducted for purposes of evaluating energy conservation standards for distribution transformers. The notification provided an opportunity for submitting written comments, data, and information by November 10, 2021. DOE received requests from Cleveland-Cliffs Steel Corporation (Cleveland-Cliffs) and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) asking DOE for a 30-day extension of the public comment period. DOE has reviewed this request and is reopening the public comment period to allow public comments to be submitted until December 10, 2021. **The comment period for the RFI published on August 27, 2021 (86 FR 48058) is reopened. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this notification received no later than December 10, 2021.**

[Publication of a Report on the Effect of Imports of Transformers and Transformer Components on the National Security: An Investigation Conducted Under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as Amended](#)

Published 11/18/2021

Reference NEMA

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) in this notice is publishing a report that summarizes the findings of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Commerce (the "Department") pursuant to Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended ("Section 232"), into the effect of imports of transformers and transformer components on the national security of the United States. This report was completed on October 15, 2020 and posted on the BIS website in July 2021. BIS has not published the appendices to the report in this notification of report findings, but they are available online at the BIS website, along with the rest of the report (see the ADDRESSES section). **The report was completed on October 15, 2020. The report was posted on the BIS website in July 2021.**

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Baldrige Executive Fellow Program](#)

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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 January 18, 2022.**

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

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Reference NIST

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is publishing notice of modifications to an existing FERC system of records, FERC-24 titled Commission Miscellaneous Investigation File. This notice adds 11 new routine uses, including two prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-17-12, Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information, January 3, 2017, that will permit FERC to disclose information as necessary in response to an actual or suspected breach of its own records or to assist another agency in its efforts to respond to a breach. This System of Records Notice (SORN) also describes the Commission's systems manager and location change. **In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this system of records notice is effective upon publication, with the exception of the routine uses, which will go into effect on December 20, 2021, unless comments have been received from interested members of the public requiring modification and republication of the notice. Please submit any comments by December 20, 2021.**

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

Published 11/19/2021

Reference NIST

The Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) proposes to add a new system of records to its existing inventory of systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974. This new system of records is titled: RRB-60, Religious and Reasonable Accommodation Records. We hereby publish this notice for public comments. **These changes become effective as proposed without further notice on December 20, 2021. We will file a report of these Systems of Records Notices with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives; and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).**

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

Published 11/18/2021

Reference NIST

This notice announces the Department of Commerce's (Department) proposal to establish a new system of records entitled "COMMERCE/DEPT-31, Public Health Emergency Records of Employees, Visitors, and Other Individuals at Department Locations" under the Privacy Act of 1974, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-108, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act". This system of records describes the Department's collection, use, and maintenance of records on individuals associated with the Department and its facilities during a public health emergency or similar health and safety incident. This newly established system will be included in the Department's inventory of record systems. We invite public comment on the new system announced in this publication. **This new system of records will become effective upon publication, subject to a 30-day comment period in which to comment on the routine uses, described below. Please submit any comments by December 20, 2021.**

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

Published 11/16/2021

Reference NIST

Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is proposing changes to one system of records notice (SORN). PBGC is proposing to amend PBGC 21—Reasonable Accommodation Records. The amendment will expand the authorities for maintenance of the system, the purposes of the system, the categories of individuals covered by the system, the record source categories, and the records contained in the system, to include records of requests for accommodation based on sincerely held religious beliefs, practices, or observances. **The modified system of records described herein will become effective November 16, 2021.**

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

Published 11/16/2021

Reference NIST

Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) is proposing a new system of records notice (SORN). EXIM is proposing EXIM 21-02 Reasonable Accommodation Records. This new SORN will include the authorities for maintenance of the system, the purposes of the system, the categories of individuals covered by the system, the record source categories, and the records contained in the system, to include records of requests for an accommodation based on physical and mental disabilities and sincerely held religious beliefs, practices, or observances. **The system of records described herein will become effective December 16, 2021.**

[VA Acquisition Regulation: Acquisition of Information Technology; and Other Contracts for Goods and Services Involving Information, VA Sensitive Information, and Information Security; and Liquidated Damages Requirements for Data Breach](#)

Published 11/17/2021

Reference NIST

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is proposing to amend and update its VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) in phased increments to revise or remove any policy superseded by changes in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), to remove procedural guidance internal to VA into the VA Acquisition Manual (VAAM), and to incorporate any new agency specific regulations or policies. This rulemaking revises the VAAR by adding a part covering Acquisition of Information Technology and revising coverage concerning Other Contracts for Goods and Services involving mandatory information, privacy, and security requirements to include policy concerning VA Sensitive Personal Information, information security, and liquidated damages requirements for data breach in the following parts: Administrative and Information Matters; Describing Agency Needs; Protection of Privacy and Freedom of Information, as well as Acquisition of Commercial Items. It also revises affected parts concerning Definitions of Words and Terms, and Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses. **Comments must be received on or before January 18, 2022 to be considered in the formulation of the final rule.**

[Privacy Act of 1974: New System of Records](#)

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Reference NIST

Peace Corps proposes to add a new system of records to its inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974. The purpose of this system is to allow the Peace Corps to collect and maintain records related to an individual's request and receipt of reasonable accommodations through the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity. Individuals include applicants, current, and former civilian personnel, interns, and Peace Corps Volunteers, and third-party individuals who either assist an individual in the application process, or professionals in a medical, health, or specialized field who provide information about the individual related to the reasonable accommodation request. **This new system of records is effective upon publication; however, comments on the Routine Uses will be accepted on or before December 20, 2021. The Routine Uses are effective at the close of the comment period.**

[Privacy Act of 1974: New System of Records](#)

Published 11/17/2021

Reference NIST

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, all agencies are required to publish in the Federal Register a notice of the existence and character of their systems of records. Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending the system of records entitled "Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Records—VA" (119VA005R1C). **Comments on this modified system of records must be received no later than 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register. If no public comment is received during the period allowed for comment or unless otherwise published in the Federal Register by VA, the modified system of records will become effective a minimum of 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register. If VA receives public comments, VA shall review the comments to determine whether any changes to the notice are necessary.**

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

Published 11/18/2021

Reference NIST

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS, operating as AmeriCorps) is issuing a public notice of its intent to create the AmeriCorps Privacy Act system of records "Personal Health and Religious Information." This system of records maintains personal health and religious information

collected in response to (1) medical-based and religious-based reasonable accommodation requests; (2) public health emergency or similar health and safety incidents, such as a pandemic, epidemic, or man-made emergency; and/or (3) any other lawful collection of health-related information that is necessary to ensure a safe and healthy environment for individuals who are occupying AmeriCorps facilities, attending AmeriCorps-sponsored events, participating in AmeriCorps programs, or otherwise engaged in official business on behalf of the agency. The system of records will assist the agency in the collection, storing, dissemination, and disposal of personal health and religious information collected and maintained by the agency. **This new system will be effective upon publication. New or modified routine uses will be effective December 20, 2021. Submit comments on or before December 20, 2021.**

[Advisory Guidelines for Aircraft Onboard Wheelchairs: Reopening of Comment Period; Notice of Public Meeting](#)

Published 11/19/2021

Reference SAE

The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board or Board), jointly with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), is hosting a virtual public meeting to obtain further information on the Access Board's proposed advisory guidelines for aircraft onboard wheelchairs (OBW) issued on August 20, 2019, and the portion of DOT's notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) issued on January 2, 2020 that relates to OBW performance standards. DOT's January 2, 2020 NPRM proposed OBW performance standards as one of various measures for improving accessibility of lavatories on single-aisle aircraft for passengers with disabilities. The Board's draft advisory guidelines provided technical specifications for an OBW that would serve as one means of complying with DOT's proposed performance standards for OBW. This public meeting will serve as a forum for the Access Board and DOT to jointly gather additional information on their respective proposed OBW advisory guidelines and proposed OBW performance standards. A proposed rule from DOT relating to this public meeting and reopening of the comment period on its NPRM containing OBW performance standards is published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register. **The comment period on the Board's draft advisory guidelines on OBW published at 84 FR 43100 (Aug. 20, 2019) is reopened for supplemental comments from December 16, 2021 (i.e., date of public meeting) to January 17, 2022.**

[Accessible Lavatories on Single-Aisle Aircraft: Part 1; Reopening of Comment Period and Public Meeting](#)

Published 11/19/2021

Reference SAE

The U.S. Department of Transportation (Department or DOT), jointly with the Architectural Transportation Barriers and Compliance Board (Access Board or Board), is hosting a public meeting, to be held virtually, on a DOT notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) issued on January 2, 2020, and on Access Board's proposed advisory guidelines for aircraft onboard wheelchairs issued on August 20, 2019. The NPRM proposed specific measures for improving accessibility of lavatories on single-aisle aircraft for passengers with disabilities. The public meeting will focus on one aspect of this NPRM—improvements to the aircraft's onboard wheelchair (OBW). The meeting will also serve as a means for the Access Board to gather additional information on onboard wheelchair loads and onboard wheelchair casters before finalizing its advisory guidelines for aircraft onboard wheelchairs, which potentially could be a means of complying with OBW performance standards established by the Department. A Notice relating to this joint public meeting and the Access Board's reopening of the comment period for its OBW guidelines is published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register. **The comment period on the proposed rule published at 85 FR 27 (Jan. 2, 2020) is reopened from December 16, 2021 (date of public meeting) to January 17, 2022.**
