

U.S. Federal Register Update: February 1 – February 5, 2021

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[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Naval Base San Diego Pier 6 Replacement Project, San Diego, California](#)

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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 an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the U.S. Navy (Navy) to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during activities associated with the Naval Base San Diego Pier 6 Replacement Project in San Diego, California. **This Authorization is effective from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Construction of the South Fork Offshore Wind Project](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from South Fork Wind, LLC (South Fork Wind) to take marine mammals incidental to construction of a commercial wind energy project southeast of Rhode Island, within the Rhode Island-Massachusetts Wind Energy Area (RI/MA WEA). 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-time, 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 March 10, 2021.**

[Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Code Cases](#)

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Reference ASME

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference proposed revisions of three regulatory guides, which would approve new, revised, and reaffirmed Code Cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The NRC is also incorporating by reference one NRC NUREG associated with a proposed condition on one of the regulatory guides. This proposed action would allow nuclear power plant licensees, and applicants for construction permits, operating licenses, combined licenses, standard design certifications, standard design approvals and manufacturing licenses, to use the Code Cases listed in these draft regulatory guides as voluntary alternatives to engineering standards for the construction, inservice inspection, and inservice testing of nuclear power plant components. The NRC is requesting comments on this proposed rule and on the draft versions of the three regulatory guides proposed to be incorporated by reference. The NRC is also making available a related draft regulatory guide that lists Code Cases that the NRC has not approved for use. This draft regulatory guide will not be incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations. **Submit comments on the proposed rule, documents to be incorporated by reference, and related guidance by April 5, 2021. Submit comments specific to the information collections aspects of this rule by March 4, 2021. Comments received after these dates will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only of comments received on or before these dates.**

[TUV SUD America, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition.](#)

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Reference ASME, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of TUV SUD America, Inc. (TUVAM) for expansion 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 February 18, 2021.

[Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances](#)

Published 2/1/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that imports of seamless refined copper pipe and tube (copper pipe and tube) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is October 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable February 1, 2021.**

[Standard Steel Welded Wire Mesh From Mexico: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and, Extension of Provisional Measures](#)

Published 2/1/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that standard steel welded wire mesh (wire mesh) from Mexico is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable February 1, 2021.**

[Pure Magnesium From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: 2018-2019](#)

Published 2/4/2021

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on pure magnesium from the People's Republic of China (China), covering the period May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. Commerce preliminarily determines that Tianjin Magnesium International, Co., Ltd. and Tianjin Magnesium Metal, Co., Ltd. (collectively TMI/TMM) did not have reviewable entries during the period of review (POR). We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. **Applicable February 4, 2021.**

[Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From the Republic of Turkey: Countervailing Duty Order](#)

Published 2/3/2021

Reference ASTM

Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing a countervailing duty order on prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey). **Applicable February 3, 2021.**

[Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, the Republic of Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates: Antidumping Duty Orders](#)

Published 2/1/2021

Reference ASTM

Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing antidumping duty orders on prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, the Republic of Turkey (Turkey), and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). **Applicable February 1, 2021.**

[Notice of Solicitation of Applications for Section 514 Off-Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Off-Farm Labor Housing Grants for New Construction for Fiscal Year 2021](#)

Published 2/2/2021

Reference ASTM

The Rural Housing Service (RHS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces that it is soliciting competitive pre-applications for Section 514 Off-Farm Labor Housing (Off-FLH) loans and Section 516 Off-FLH grants for the construction of new Off-FLH units for domestic farm laborers, retired domestic farm laborers, or disabled

domestic farm laborers. The program objective is to increase the supply of affordable housing for farm laborers. This Notice describes the method used to distribute funds, the pre-application and final application process, and submission requirements. **Eligible pre-applications submitted to the Production and Preservation Division, Processing and Report Review Branch, for this Notice will be accepted until November 1, 2022, 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for additional information.**

[Commission Rules To Enable GSO Fixed-Satellite Service \(Space-to-Earth\) Operations in the 17.3-17.8 GHz Band, To Modernize Certain Rules Applicable to 17/24 GHz BSS Space Stations, and To Establish Off-Axis Uplink Power Limits for Extended Ka-Band FSS Operations](#)

Published 2/1/2021

Reference IEEE

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposes to permit geostationary satellite orbit (GSO) space station in the fixed-satellite service (FSS) to operate downlinks (space-to-Earth) in the 17.3-17.8 GHz frequency band, subject to certain limitations, and also proposes related technical updates to its rules governing the FSS and the Broadcasting-Satellite Service to prevent harmful interference. **Comments are due March 3, 2021. Reply comments are due March 18, 2021.**

[Extension of Designation of Scarce Materials or Threatened Materials Subject to COVID-19 Hoarding Prevention Measures; Extension of Effective Date With Modifications](#)

Published 2/1/2021

Reference ISO

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides notice of the extension of the designation issued on July 30, 2020 designating health and medical resources necessary to respond to the spread of the virus associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) that are scarce or the supply of which would be threatened by excessive accumulation by people or entities not needing the excess supplies. This notice extends the designation and updates the list of scarce or threatened materials to include certain classes and sizes of hypodermic needles and syringes. **This action took effect February 1, 2021 and terminates on June 30, 2021.**

[Notice of NIST's Consortium for the Advancement of Genome Editing](#)

Published 2/2/2021

Reference NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) extends the duration of the NIST Consortium for the Advancement of Genome Editing (Genome Editing Consortium or Consortium) to December 1, 2025. NIST will now accept letters of interest to participate in this Consortium on an ongoing basis. The Consortium duration was originally through December 1, 2020, and the deadline for letters of interest was originally January 1, 2020. NIST is taking this action to provide additional time for interested parties to join the Consortium and to ensure the successful implementation and achievement of outcomes of the current Consortium activities, as well as to address additional standards needs as defined by the Consortium. **The Consortium's activities will continue until December 1, 2025. NIST will accept letters of interest to participate in this Consortium on an ongoing basis. Acceptance of participants into the Consortium will depend on the availability of NIST resources.**

[Open Meeting of the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board](#)

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Reference NIST

The Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board (ISPAB) will meet Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, and Thursday, March 4, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time. All sessions will be open to the public. **The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, and Thursday, March 4, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time.**

[Cybersecurity Incentives](#)

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Reference NIST

The Commission is proposing to revise its regulations to establish rules for incentive-based rate treatments for voluntary cybersecurity investments by a public utility for or in connection with the transmission or sale of electric energy subject to

the jurisdiction of the Commission, and rates or practices affecting or pertaining to such rates for the purpose of ensuring the reliability of the Bulk-Power System. **Comments are due April 6, 2021. Also, reply comments are due May 6, 2021.**

[TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.: Applications for Expansion of Recognition](#)

Published 2/3/2021

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the applications 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 applications. **Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before February 18, 2021.**
