

U.S. Federal Register Update: April 12 – April 16, 2021

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[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Direct Heating Equipment](#)

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Reference ANSI, AHAM, ASHRAE, ASTM, IEC, UL

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposes to amend the test procedure for direct heating equipment (DHE) to incorporate by reference the most recent versions of the industry consensus test standards currently referenced in the Federal test procedure. DOE also proposes to update definitions regarding unvented heaters, account for multiple operational modes, specify the allowable measurement error for oil pressure, specify the use of manufacturer values for gas supply pressure in certain circumstances, reduce the number of thermocouples required in the thermocouple grid for models with small flues, and clarify instructions for calculations regarding condensate mass measurements. DOE welcomes written comment from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including topics not raised in this proposal), as well as submission of data and other relevant information. **DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) on or before June 30, 2021. See section V, "Public Participation," for details.**

[IAPMO Ventures, LLC dba IAPMO EGS: Grant of Expansion of Recognition](#)

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Reference ANSI, IAPMO, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision on the application of IAPMO Ventures, LLC dba IAPMO EGS for expansion of its scope of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on April 12, 2021.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Portable Air Conditioners](#)

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Reference ANSI, AHAM, ASHRAE, IEC

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking the preliminary stages of a rulemaking to consider amendments to the test procedure for portable air conditioners ("ACs"). Through this request for information ("RFI"), DOE seeks data and information regarding issues pertinent to whether amended test procedures would more accurately or fully comply with the requirement that the test procedure produces results that measure energy use during a representative average use cycle or period of use for the product without being unduly burdensome to conduct, or reduce testing burden. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including topics not raised in this RFI), as well as the submission of data and other relevant information. **Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before May 17, 2021.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Commercial & Industrial Pumps](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME, IEC, ISO, NEMA

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking the preliminary stages of a rulemaking to consider amendments to the test procedure for Commercial and Industrial Pumps ("pumps"). Through this request for information ("RFI"), DOE seeks data and information regarding issues pertinent to whether amended test procedures would more accurately or fully comply with the requirement that the test procedure produces results that measure energy use during a representative average use cycle for the product without being unduly burdensome to conduct, or that reduce testing burden. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including topics not raised in this RFI), as well as the submission of data and other relevant information. **Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before June 1, 2021.**

[Nissan North America, Inc., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance](#)

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Reference ANSI, SAE

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) has determined that certain replacement windshield glass panes manufactured by Central Glass Co., Ltd., outsourced to Japan Tempered & Laminated Glass Co., Ltd., and sold to Nissan as replacement parts for use in certain Nissan motor vehicles do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 205, Glazing Materials. Nissan filed a noncompliance report dated June 29, 2020. Nissan subsequently petitioned NHTSA on July 29, 2020, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. This notice announces receipt of Nissan's petition. **Send comments on or before May 13, 2021.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys off of Delaware](#)

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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 Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC (Skipjack) to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during marine site characterization surveys offshore of Delaware in the area of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0519) and along potential submarine cable routes to a landfall location in Delaware. **This Authorization is effective for a period of one year, from April 5, 2021 through April 4, 2022.**

[Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Procedures, Interpretations, and Policies for Consideration in New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Consumer Products and Commercial/Industrial Equipment](#)

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Reference ASHRAE

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or the "Department") proposes to revise the Department's "Procedures, Interpretations, and Policies for Consideration of New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial/Industrial Equipment" ("Process Rule"), revising the process the Department follows to develop energy conservation standards and test procedures for covered products and equipment. The proposed revisions are consistent with longstanding DOE practice and would remove unnecessary obstacles to DOE's ability to meet its statutory obligations under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("EPCA"). **DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding all aspects of this notice of proposed rulemaking on or before May 27, 2021. DOE will hold a webinar on Friday, April 23, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See section V, "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. If no participants register for the webinar, it will be cancelled.**

[Standard Steel Welded Wire Mesh From Mexico: Countervailing Duty Order](#)

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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 standard steel welded wire mesh (wire mesh) from Mexico. **Applicable April 12, 2021.**

[Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Turkey: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2018](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that Ozdemir Boru Profil San. Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti. (Ozdemir), exporter/producer of heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (HWR pipes and tubes) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey), received de minimis net countervailable subsidies during the period of review, January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. Commerce is also rescinding this review with regard to eight companies for which timely requests for withdrawal of the request for review were filed by Independence Tube Corporation and Southland Tube, both Nucor Pipe Mills companies (collectively, the petitioners). **Applicable April 14, 2021.**

[Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status, Section 4\(d\) Rule, and Designation of Critical Habitat for Panama City Crayfish](#)

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Reference IEC

We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), reopen the public comment period on the proposed rule to list the Panama City crayfish (*Procambarus econfinae*) as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act); propose a rule issued under section 4(d) of the Act (“4(d) rule”) for the species; and propose to designate critical habitat for the Panama City crayfish under the Act. In total, approximately 7,177 acres (2,904 hectares) in Bay County, Florida, fall within the boundaries of the proposed critical habitat designation, all of which are currently occupied by the species. We also announce the availability of a draft economic analysis (DEA) for the proposed designation of critical habitat for the Panama City crayfish. We will accept comments on the proposed listing, 4(d) rule, and critical habitat designation, as well as the draft economic analysis, during the open comment period. Finally, we announce a public informational meeting and public hearing on the proposed listing rule and this proposed rule. **The comment period on the proposed rule that published January 3, 2018 (83 FR 330), is reopened. We will accept comments on that proposed rule, as well as the new proposals described in this document, that are received or postmarked on or before June 14, 2021. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see ADDRESSES, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date.**

[Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program](#)

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Reference NFPA

Pursuant to the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended, the Administrator of FEMA is publishing this notice describing the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program application process, deadlines, and award selection criteria. This notice explains the differences, if any, between these guidelines and those recommended by representatives of the national fire service leadership during the annual meeting of the Criteria Development Panel, which was held December 11, 2019. The application period for the FY 2020 AFG Program was January 4, 2021 through February 12, 2021, and was announced on the AFG website at: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters>, as well as at www.grants.gov. **Grant applications for the FY 2020 AFG Program were accepted electronically at <https://go.fema.gov>, from January 4, 2021, through February 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.**

[Request for Nominations for Members To Serve on National Institute of Standards and Technology Federal Advisory Committees](#)

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Reference NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST or Institute) invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to seven existing Federal Advisory Committees (Committees): Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board; Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board; National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee; Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction; and Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committees, in addition to nominations already received. Registered Federal lobbyists may not serve on NIST Federal Advisory Committees in an individual capacity. **Nominations for all Committees will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as and when vacancies arise.**

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

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Reference NIST

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC, Commission, or Agency) has modified an existing system of records, FCC/OCBO-1, Business Contacts Database (formerly FCC/OCBO-1, Small Business Contacts Database), 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 Commission uses the information on individuals and businesses contained in the records in this system to conduct outreach. **This system of records will become effective on April 16, 2021. Written comments on the routine uses are due by May 17, 2021. The routine uses will become effective on May 17, 2021, unless written comments are received that require a contrary determination.**

[Agency Request for Emergency Approval of an Information Collection of Information Associated With the Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection \(AMJP\) Program](#)

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Reference SAE

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Transportation (DOT) provides notice that it will submit an information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency approval of a proposed information collection. DOT requests that OMB authorize the collection of information on or before May 15, 2021, for 180 days after the date of approval by OMB. Upon receiving the requested six-month emergency approval by OMB, DOT will follow the normal PRA procedures to obtain extended approval for this proposed information collection. The purpose of this collection is to enable eligible business entities to apply for payroll assistance under the “Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection” (AMJP) program, established by the “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021” (ARPA), which was enacted on March 11, 2021. DOT is requesting emergency approval due to the urgency of making the associated funds available to business entities that meet the eligibility requirements under the law. The continued viability of these business entities is crucial to supporting the aviation industry and economic recovery in the United States. Because ARPA requires DOT to reduce funding on a pro rata basis if eligible requests exceed available funds, DOT must identify the full universe of eligible businesses and the magnitude of their funding requests before issuing the first agreement. The statutory requirements of the AJMP also establish a strict six-month timeframe during which DOT must enter into payroll support agreements with eligible businesses. **Comments should be submitted as soon as possible upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register.**
