

U.S. Federal Register Update: June 14 – June 18, 2021

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[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment; Early Assessment Review: Walk-In Coolers and Freezers](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, ASTM

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking an early assessment review to determine whether amendments are warranted for the test procedures for walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers ("WICFs" or "walk-ins"). DOE has identified certain issues associated with the currently applicable test procedures on which DOE is interested in receiving comment. The issues outlined in this document address definitions and equipment classes of walk-in components, test procedure waivers received, and other test procedure issues related to walk-in doors, panels, and refrigeration systems. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document, including topics not raised in this request for information ("RFI"). **Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before July 19, 2021.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Relocation of the Port of Alaska's South Floating Dock, Anchorage, Alaska](#)

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Reference ANSI

NMFS has received a request from the Port of Alaska (POA) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to pile driving associated with the relocation of the POA's South Floating Dock (SFD) in Knik Arm, Alaska. 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 July 15, 2021.**

[Petitions for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards](#)

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Reference CSA, UL

This notice includes the summaries of two petitions for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the party listed below. **All comments on the petitions must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before July 16, 2021.**

[Public Meeting and Extension of Comment Period on Request for Information: Minimum Standards for Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards Acceptable by Federal Agencies for Official Purposes; Mobile Driver's Licenses](#)

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Reference IEC, ISO

On April 19, 2021, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published a request for information (RFI) soliciting comments from the public to help inform a potential rulemaking that would amend DHS regulations to set the minimum technical requirements and security standards for mobile or digital driver's licenses/identification cards (collectively "mobile driver's licenses" or "mDLs") to enable federal agencies to accept mDLs for official purposes under the REAL ID Act and regulation. In advance of the closing date for comments submitted in response to the RFI, DHS will hold a virtual public meeting on June 30, 2021, to answer questions regarding the RFI and to provide an additional forum for comments by stakeholders and other interested persons regarding the issues identified in the RFI. DHS is also extending the comment period for the RFI by 42 calendar days to provide an additional period for comments to be submitted after the public meeting. **The virtual public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (EDT). Requests to attend the meeting and request for accommodations for a disability must be received by June 25, 2021.**

[Process for Eligible Businesses Requesting Support Under the Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection \(AMJP\) Program](#)

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Reference ISO, SAE

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is hereby announcing the process for eligible businesses 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. This notice contains critical deadlines, definitions, requirements, and processes for applicants. DOT does not plan to publish any further notice about this program in the Federal Register. Additional information for potential applicants will be published on the DOT program web page at <https://www.transportation.gov/AMJP>. See further details within the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

5:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time on June 22, 2021 to submit any questions regarding the application process. 5:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time on July 13, 2021 to submit applications in accordance with the instructions contained in this Notice.

[Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes](#)

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Reference NEMA, SAE

The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes. This AD was prompted by significant changes made to the airworthiness limitations (AWLs) related to fuel tank ignition prevention and the nitrogen generation system (NGS). This AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the April 2019 or November 2020 revision of the airworthiness limitations document. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. **This AD is effective July 20, 2021.**

[Spartan Motors USA, Inc., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance](#)

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Reference NFPA

Spartan Motors USA, Inc. (Spartan), has determined that certain model year (MY) 2005 2012;2020 Spartan Diamond, Gladiator, and MetroStar emergency response vehicles do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 121, Air Brake Systems. Spartan filed an original noncompliance report dated November 4, 2019, and later amended it on November 11, 2019. Subsequently, Spartan petitioned NHTSA on December 2, 2019, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. This notice announces receipt of Spartan's petition. **Send comments on or before July 14, 2021.**

[Promoting Access to Voting](#)

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Reference NIST

Based on the requirements of E.O. 14019, Promoting Access to Voting, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is seeking information about barriers to private and independent voting for people with disabilities. NIST, in consultation with the Department of Justice, the Election Assistance Commission, and other agencies, as appropriate, will analyze barriers, including access to voter registration, voting technology, voting by mail, polling locations, and poll worker training. Responses to this Request for Information (RFI) will inform NIST's development of recommendations. **Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on July 16, 2021. 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.**

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Institute for Standards and Technology NIST Center for Neutron Research \(NCNR\) Information Management System \(IMS\) and Summer School Application](#)

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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 August 13, 2021.**

[Electronic Option for Export Notifications Under the Toxic Substances Control Act \(TSCA\); Notice of Availability](#)

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Reference NIST

EPA is announcing the availability of an electronic option for submitting the export notifications that are required under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). As an alternative to the hardcopy approach, which is still available, EPA is also now accepting the required export notifications electronically using EPA's electronic document submission system, the Central Data Exchange (CDX). Use of CDX to prepare and submit the required export notifications to EPA will help streamline and reduce the administrative costs and burdens associated with submitting paper-based export notifications for both the submitters and the Agency. **TSCA export notifications may be submitted electronically using CDX as of June 14, 2021.**

[Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program](#)

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Reference NIST

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (the "Act") appropriated \$285 million to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to establish the Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Pilot Program. The CMC Pilot Program will provide grants to eligible historically Black colleges or universities (HBCUs); Tribal Colleges or Universities (TCUs); and Minority-serving institutions (MSIs) in anchor communities for broadband internet access service, equipment, or to hire information technology personnel to facilitate educational instruction including remote instruction, and to lend or provide equipment to eligible students or patrons. This final rule describes NTIA's programmatic scope, eligibility criteria, and general guidelines for the CMC Pilot Program as authorized by the Act. NTIA will subsequently publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on www.grants.gov that will provide more details regarding the CMC eligibility guidelines, application instructions, and program requirements. **This final rule is effective on June 15, 2021.**

[SGS North America, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition](#)

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Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of SGS North America, Inc., 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 June 30, 2021.**

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

Published 6/15/2021

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 June 30, 2021.**
