

U.S. Federal Register Update: September 6 – September 10, 2021

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[Safety-Related Steel Structures and Steel-Plate Composite Walls for Other Than Reactor Vessels and Containments](#)

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Reference ANSI

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.243, "Safety-Related Steel Structures and Steel-Plate Composite Walls for Other Than Reactor Vessels and Containments." RG 1.243 is a new guide that proposes guidance to meet regulatory requirements for safety-related steel structures and steel plate composite walls for other than reactor vessels and containments by endorsing with exceptions, the 2018 edition of ANSI/ANS N690-2018, "Specification for Safety-Related Steel Structures for Nuclear Facilities." **RG 1.243 is available on September 7, 2021.**

[Pentafluoroethane \(R-125\) From China; Scheduling of the Final Phase of Countervailing Duty and Anti-Dumping Duty Investigations](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping and countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-662 and 731-TA-1554 (Final) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports of pentafluoroethane (R-125) from China, provided for in subheadings 2903.39.20 and 2903.39.29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, preliminarily determined by the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") to be subsidized and sold at less-than-fair-value. **Date: August 17, 2021.**

[Safety Program for Surface Mobile Equipment](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASSP, ISO

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is proposing to require that mine operators employing six or more miners develop and implement a written safety program for mobile and powered haulage equipment (excluding belt conveyors) at surface mines and surface areas of underground mines. The written safety program would include actions mine operators would take to identify hazards and risks to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities related to surface mobile equipment. The proposal would offer mine operators flexibility to devise a safety program that is appropriate for their specific mining conditions and operations. **Comments must be received or postmarked by midnight Eastern Time on November 8, 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

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the Port of Alaska (POA) to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment and Level A harassment, marine mammals during pile driving associated with the relocation of the POA's South Floating Dock (SFD) within Knik Arm, in upper Cook Inlet, Alaska. **This Authorization is effective from August 27, 2021 through August 26, 2022.**

[Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology](#)

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Reference NIST

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)'s Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT or Committee) will meet on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. **The VCAT will meet on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time.**

[Call for Nominations To Serve on the National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee and Call for Nominations To Serve on the Subcommittee on Artificial Intelligence and Law Enforcement](#)

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Reference NIST

The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), in consultation with the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Director of National Intelligence, shall establish the National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee (the NAIAC or the Committee) in accordance with the requirements of Section 5104 of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020, and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended. The Committee shall provide advice to the President and the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Office on matters related to the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative (Initiative). The purposes of the Initiative are: (1) Ensuring continued United States leadership in artificial intelligence research and development; (2) leading the world in the development and use of trustworthy artificial intelligence systems in the public and private sectors; (3) preparing the present and future United States workforce for the integration of artificial intelligence systems across all sectors of the economy and society; and (4) coordinating ongoing artificial intelligence research, development, and demonstration activities among the civilian agencies, the Department of Defense, and the Intelligence Community to ensure that each informs the work of the others. **Nominations to serve on the inaugural Committee and Subcommittee on Artificial Intelligence and Law Enforcement must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 25, 2021. In addition, nominations for the Committee and Subcommittee on Artificial Intelligence and Law Enforcement will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as and when vacancies arise. Nominations may be submitted to serve on either or both the NAIAC or Subcommittee on Artificial Intelligence and Law Enforcement.**

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

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Reference NIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), Office of Technology Solutions, is giving notice that it proposes to modify a system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. EPA is making updates to its system of records, PeoplePlus, EPA-1 and is modifying this system of records notice to reflect those updates. EPA's Office of Human Resources (OHR) previously used the EPA-1 PeoplePlus system to administer several human resources functions, including time and attendance, payroll, workforce transformation, and entrance on duty system. The PeoplePlus system will now only be used for time and attendance, and EPA's OCFO will now manage the system. **Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by October 7, 2021. New routine uses for this system of records will be effective October 7, 2021.**

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

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Reference NIST

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission or Agency) has modified an existing system of records, FCC/OMD-16, Personnel Security Files, subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This action is necessary to meet the requirement of the Privacy Act to publish in the Federal Register notice of the existence and charge of records maintained by the agency. The FCC's Security Operations Center (SOC) in the Office of Managing Director (OMD) uses this system of records to determine an individual's suitability for access to classified information and/or a security clearance; evaluate an individual's suitability for Federal employment, including temporary hires such as interns, consultants, and experts, or to perform contractual services for the FCC; respond to complaints of threats, harassment, violence, or other inappropriate behavior at the FCC; and, document security violations and related activities such as insider threats. **This system of records will become effective on September 8, 2021. Written comments on the routine uses are due by October 8, 2021. The routine uses will become effective on October 8, 2021, unless written comments are received that require a contrary determination.**

[General Services Acquisition Regulation \(GSAR\); GSAR Case 2016-G511, Contract Requirements for GSA Information Systems](#)

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Reference NIST

GSA is proposing to amend the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to streamline and update requirements for contracts that involve GSA information systems. The revision of GSA's cybersecurity and other information technology requirements will lead to the elimination of a duplicative and outdated provision and clause from the GSAR. The

proposed rule will replace the outdated text with existing policies of the GSA Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and provide centralized guidance to ensure consistent application across the organization. The updated GSA policy will align cybersecurity requirements based on the items being procured by ensuring contract requirements are coordinated with GSA's Chief Information Security Officer. **Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat at one of the addresses shown below on or before November 9, 2021 to be considered in the formation of the final rule.**
