

## U.S. Federal Register Update: March 6 – March 10, 2023

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### [American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code Cases and Update Frequency](#)

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**Reference** ANSI, 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. 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. Submit comments by **May 5, 2023**.

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

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**Reference** ANSI, AHAM, ASHRAE, ASTM, IEC, NEMA, NIST

This final rule establishes definitions, a test procedure, and sampling and representation requirements for air cleaners. Currently, air cleaners are not subject to U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) test procedures or energy conservation standards. DOE is establishing a test procedure for measuring the integrated energy factor of air cleaners. The test method references the relevant industry standard, with certain modifications. The effective date of this rule is **April 5, 2023**. The incorporation by reference of certain materials listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register on **April 5, 2023**.

### [Safety Standard for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs](#)

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**Reference** ASTM

In December 2010, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) published a consumer product safety standard for non-full-size baby cribs (NFS cribs) pursuant to section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA). The Commission's mandatory standard incorporated by reference the ASTM voluntary standard that was in effect for NFS cribs at the time, with modifications to make the standard more stringent, to further reduce the risk of injury associated with NFS cribs, and to exclude sections of the ASTM voluntary standard inapplicable to NFS cribs. 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. In November 2022, ASTM published a revised voluntary standard for NFS cribs, and it notified the Commission of this revised standard in December 2022. This direct final rule updates the mandatory standard for NFS cribs to incorporate by reference ASTM's 2022 version of the voluntary standard for NFS cribs. The rule is effective on June 3, 2023, unless the Commission receives a significant adverse comment by **April 5, 2023**. If the Commission 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 **June 3, 2023**.

### [Draft Regulatory Guide: Sizing of Large Lead-Acid Storage Batteries](#)

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**Reference** IEEE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1418, "Sizing of Large Lead-Acid Storage Batteries." DG-1418 describes an approach that is acceptable to the NRC

staff to meet regulatory requirements for sizing of large lead-acid storage batteries for production and utilization facilities. It endorses, with clarifications, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Standard 485-2020, "IEEE Recommended Practice for Sizing Lead-Acid Batteries for Stationary Applications." **Submit comments by April 5, 2023.**