

U.S. Federal Register Update: January 24, 2022 – January 28, 2022

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[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Dedicated-Purpose Pool Pumps](#)

Published 1/24/2022

Reference ANSI, UL

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking a review to determine whether amendments are warranted for the test procedure for dedicated-purpose pool pumps. Specifically, through this request for information ("RFI"), DOE has identified certain issues associated with the currently applicable test procedure on which DOE is interested in receiving comment. The issues outlined in this document mainly concern the scope of coverage, updated industry test procedures, and the definition of a basic model. 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 February 23, 2022.**

[Bay Area Compliance Laboratories Corp.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition](#)

Published 1/26/2022

Reference ANSI

In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for Bay Area Compliance Laboratories Corp. as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on January 26, 2022.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure and Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Products; Consumer Air Cleaners](#)

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Reference ANSI, AHAM, ASHRAE, IEC

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating rulemaking activities to consider potential test procedure and energy conservation standards for consumer air cleaners. Through this request for information ("RFI"), DOE seeks data and information regarding development and evaluation of a new test procedure that would be reasonably designed to produce test results which reflect energy use during a representative average use cycle for the product without being unduly burdensome to conduct. Additionally, this RFI solicits information regarding the development and evaluation of potential new energy conservation standards for consumer air cleaners, and whether such standards would result in significant energy savings, be technologically feasible and economically justified. DOE also welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including those topics not specifically raised), as well as the submission of data and other relevant information. **Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before February 24, 2022.**

[Commission Information Collection Activities \(Ferc-549c\) Comment Request; Extension](#)

Published 1/26/2022

Reference ANSI

In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-549C, (Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. **Comments on the collection of information are due February 25, 2022.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Replacement of Pier 3 at Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Virginia](#)

Published 1/26/2022

Reference ANSI

NMFS has received a request from the United States Department of the Navy (Navy) for a authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the replacement of Pier 3 at Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Virginia. 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 February 25, 2022.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys off New Jersey and New York for Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC](#)

Published 1/27/2022

Reference ANSI

NMFS has received a request from Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC (Atlantic Shores) for a authorization to take marine mammals incidental to marine site characterization surveys off New Jersey and New York in the area of Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf Lease Area OCS-A 0499. 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 notification. 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 notification of our decision. **Comments and information must be received no later than February 28, 2022.**

[Monthly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations](#)

Published 1/25/2022

Reference ANSI

Pursuant to section 189.a.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular monthly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration (NSHC), notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person. This monthly notice includes all amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, from December 10, 2021, to January 6, 2022. The last monthly notice was published on December 28, 2021. **Comments must be filed by February 24, 2022. A request for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by March 28, 2022.**

[Withdrawal of Broadly Applicable Alternative Test Methods](#)

Published 1/24/2022

Reference ASTM, CSA

This notice announces the withdrawal of broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions for Alternatives 125 and 127 (or ALT-125 and ALT-127) that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made in 2018 under Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters. **The withdrawal of the broadly applicable alternative test methods ALT-125 and ALT-127 will become effective February 23, 2022.**

[Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Turkey: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review](#)

Published 1/25/2022

Reference ASTM

On December 10, 2021, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) published its notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review (CCR) of the anti dumping duty (AD) order on heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (HWR pipes and tubes) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey). Commerce preliminarily determined that Ozdemir Boru Profil Sanayi ve Ticaret Sirketi (A.S.) (Ozdemir AS) is the successor-in-interest to Ozdemir Boru Profil Sanayi ve Ticaret Limited Sirketi (Ozdemir Ltd. Sti.), and, as a result, should be accorded the same treatment previously accorded to that company. We invited interested parties to comment on the preliminary results. As no parties submitted comments, and there is no other information or evidence on the record calling into question our preliminary results,

Commerce is making no changes to the preliminary results. For these final results, Commerce continues to find that Ozdemir AS is the successor-in-interest to Ozdemir Ltd. Sti. **Applicable January 25, 2022.**

[Air Plan Approval; Delaware; Revision of Regulation for Sulfur Content of Fuel Oil](#)

Published 1/28/2022

Reference ASTM

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a state implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Delaware. This revision pertains to the reduction of the maximum allowable sulfur content limit for distillate fuels, from a current limit of 3,000 parts per million (ppm) (0.3% by weight) to 15 ppm (0.0015% by weight) and residential fuels from a current limit of 1.0% by weight to 0.5% by weight. This revision also adds requirements for sampling and testing along with certification and recordkeeping. Additionally, start up, shut down and malfunction provisions that were previously included in the Delaware SIP have been removed in this revision. EPA is proposing to determine that such removal corrects a deficiency identified in the June 12, 2015, SIP call issued to Delaware. This action is being taken under the Clean Air Act (CAA). **Written comments must be received on or before February 28, 2022.**

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

Published 1/27/2022

Reference NEMA, SAE

The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all The Boeing Company Model 757 airplanes. This AD was prompted by significant changes, including new or more restrictive requirements, made to the airworthiness limitations (AWLs) related to fuel tank ignition prevention and the nitrogen generation system. This AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. **This AD is effective March 3, 2022. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of March 3, 2022.**

[Standards and Performance Metrics for On-Road Autonomous Vehicles: Workshop](#)

Published 1/27/2022

Reference NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will be hosting a virtual workshop on the development of Standards and Performance Metrics for On-Road Autonomous Vehicles on March 8-9, 2022. During this two-day event, attendees will have an opportunity to actively provide feedback in facilitated discussions regarding technical focus areas for NIST to develop standards, measurement science, and performance metrics for on-road autonomous vehicle technology. NIST will release a discussion draft that addresses the following technology areas: Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Communication, Perception, Infrastructure, and Safety, prior to the workshop. NIST will use stakeholder feedback from the workshop to revise the discussion draft. **The workshop will begin on March 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, and will adjourn on March 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Registration will be open until midnight on March 7, 2022, or until registration reaches capacity.**

[Study To Advance a More Productive Tech Economy](#)

Published 1/28/2022

Reference NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is extending the period for submitting comments relating to the Study to Advance a More Productive Tech Economy to February 15, 2022. In a Request for Information (RFI) that published in the Federal Register on November 22, 2021. NIST requested information about the public and private sector marketplace trends, supply chain risks, legislative, policy, and the future investment needs of eight emerging technology areas, including: Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things in Manufacturing, Quantum Computing, Blockchain Technology, New and Advanced Materials, Unmanned Delivery Services, Internet of Things, and Three-dimensional Printing. This RFI is seeking comments to help identify, understand, refine, and guide the development of the current and future state of technology in the eight emerging technology areas named above. The information will inform a final report that will be submitted to Congress. NIST is extending the comment period announced in the November 22, 2021 RFI from January 31, 2022 to February 15, 2022 in response to stakeholder requests for more time to respond to this important issue. **Comments in response to this notice must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on February 15, 2022. Submissions received after that date may not be considered. Those who have already submitted comments need not resubmit.**

[Incentives, Infrastructure, and Research and Development Needs To Support a Strong Domestic Semiconductor Industry](#)

Published 1/24/2022

Reference NIST

The Department of Commerce (Department), with the assistance of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), is seeking information in order to inform the planning and design of potential programs to: Incentivize investment in semiconductor manufacturing facilities and associated ecosystems; provide for shared infrastructure to accelerate semiconductor research, development, and prototyping; and support research related to advanced packaging and advanced metrology to ensure a robust domestic semiconductor industry. Responses to this Request for Information (RFI) will inform the planning of the Department of Commerce for the potential implementation of these programs. **Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on March 25, 2022. Written comments in response to this RFI should be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the ADDRESSES and SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION sections below. Submissions received after that date may not be considered.**

[Announcing Issuance of Federal Information Processing Standard \(FIPS\) 201-3, Personal Identity Verification \(PIV\) of Federal Employees and Contractors](#)

Published 1/24/2022

Reference NIST

This notice announces the Secretary of Commerce's approval of Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) Publication 201-3, Personal Identity Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees and Contractors. FIPS 201-3 includes clarifications to existing text, additional text in cases where there were ambiguities, a adaptation to changes in the environment since the publication of FIPS 201-2, and specific changes requested by Federal agencies and implementers. **FIPS 201-3 is effective on January 24, 2022.**

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; SURF Fellow Housing Application](#)

Published 1/26/2022

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 March 28, 2022.**

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

Published 1/28/2022

Reference NIST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Mission Support (OMS) is giving notice that it proposes to modify a system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. Fleet Access (FA) is being modified to add a routine use that is related to Federal Automotive Statistical Tool (FAST) reporting and to move Fleet Access infrastructure from an externally-hosted non-Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) authorized cloud service provider to EPA's National Computing Center (NCC). **Persons wishing to comment on this system of records notice must do so by February 28, 2022. New routine uses for this modified system of records will be effective February 28, 2022.**

[Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Baldrige Executive Fellows Program](#)

Published 1/24/2022

Reference NIST

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on November 16, 2021, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

Published 1/25/2022

Reference NIST

The information collected and maintained in Integrated Logistics Management Records is necessary to: (1) Ensure fiscal accountability in issuing federal assistance, (2) coordinate the logistics of transporting the household effects of Department of State and other Embassy employees, and contracting services, (3) allow customers to submit and track requests for services, (4) allow service providers to fulfill and track customer requests, and (5) fulfill International Cooperative Administrative Support Services (ICASS). **In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this system of records notice is effective upon publication, with the exception of the routine uses that are subject to a 30 day period during which interested persons may submit comments to the Department. Please submit any comments by March 1st 2022.**

[Internal Network Security Monitoring for High and Medium Impact Bulk Electric System Cyber Systems](#)

Published 1/27/2022

Reference NIST

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) proposes to direct the North American Electric Reliability Corporation to develop and submit for Commission approval new or modified Reliability Standards that require internal network security monitoring within a trusted Critical Infrastructure Protection networked environment for high and medium impact Bulk Electric System Cyber Systems. **Comments are due March 28, 2022.**

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

Published 1/28/2022

Reference NIST

In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is modifying an existing system of records maintained by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Care (OCC): System Number 09-80-0371, OCC Federal Child Care Monthly Case Records. The system of records covers case-level information on low-income working families receiving child care financial assistance through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which is provided in aggregate, non-identifiable format to Congress for empirical assessment, and to researchers and the public. Only certain pre-October 2015, case records (i.e., those that include Social Security Number (SSN) as a case identifier) are included in this system of records, because only those are retrieved by a personal identifier. **In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this Notice is applicable January 28, 2022, subject to a 30-day period in which to comment on the new routine use, described below. Please submit any comments by February 28, 2022.**

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

Published 1/28/2022

Reference NIST

Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is proposing to establish two new systems of records: (1) PBGC-27: Ensuring Workplace Health and Safety in Response to a Public Health Emergency; and (2) PBGC-28: Physical Security and Facility Access. PBGC-27 will maintain information collected to assist PBGC with maintaining a safe and healthy workplace and to protect PBGC staff working on-site from risks associated with a public health emergency (as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and declared by its Secretary), such as a pandemic or epidemic. PBGC-28 will maintain information collected while providing visitor, employee, and government contractor access control; physical and operational security; and video surveillance for PBGC facilities. **The new systems of records described herein will become effective February 28, 2022, without further notice, unless comments result in a contrary determination and a notice is published to that effect. Comments must be received on or before February 28, 2022 to be assured of consideration.**

[UL LLC: Application for Expansion of Recognition and Proposed Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards](#)

Published 1/26/2022

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of UL LLC for expansion of the scope of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. Additionally, OSHA proposes to add two test standards to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. **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 10, 2022.

[Bay Area Compliance Laboratories Corp.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition](#)

Published 1/26/2022

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for Bay Area Compliance Laboratories Corp. as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on January 26, 2022.**

[MET Laboratories, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition](#)

Published 1/26/2022

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of MET Laboratories, Inc., for expansion of the 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 10, 2022.**
