

## U.S. Federal Register Update: January 25 – 29, 2016

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

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**Reference** ANSI, CSA, IEC, IEEE, ISO, NEMA, NFPA, UL

On April 1, 2015, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) to establish new definitions and a new test procedure for pumps. That proposed rulemaking serves as the basis for this final rule. This final rule establishes a new test procedure for pumps, as well as associated definitions and parameters that establish the scope of applicability of the test procedure. Specifically, the pumps test procedure adopted in this final rule incorporates by reference the test procedure from the Hydraulic Institute (HI)—standard 40.6-2014, “Methods for Rotodynamic Pump Efficiency Testing”—with several clarifications and modifications, related to measuring the hydraulic power, shaft power, and electric input power of pumps, inclusive of electric motors and any continuous or non-continuous controls. The new pumps test procedure will be used to determine the constant load pump energy index (PEI CL) for pumps sold without continuous or non-continuous controls and the variable load pump energy index (PEI VL) for pumps sold with continuous or non-continuous controls. The final rule incorporates certain recommendations made by the commercial and industrial pumps (CIP) Working Group, which was established under the Appliance Standards Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC), as well as comments submitted by interested parties in response to the April 2015 pumps test procedure NPR. **The effective date of this rule is February 24, 2016. Compliance with the final rule will be mandatory for representations of PEICL, PEIVL, the constant load pump energy rating (PERCL), and the variable load pump energy rating (PERVL) made on or after July 25, 2016. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 24, 2016.**

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### [Notice of Interim Waiver and Request for Waiver From Panasonic Appliances Refrigeration Systems Corporation of America Corporation \(PAPRSA\) From the Department of Energy Refrigerator and Refrigerator-Freezer Test Procedures](#)

**Published** 1/26/2016

**Reference** AHAM

This notice announces receipt of a request for an extension to hybrid basic model PR6180WBC of a previously granted waiver and for an interim waiver from Panasonic Appliances Refrigeration Systems Corporation of America (Case No. RF-043) with respect to the U.S. Department of Energy's electric refrigerator and refrigerator-freezer test procedures. Panasonic seeks to apply the alternative test procedure for measuring the energy usage of similar hybrid wine chiller/beverage center basic models, which DOE required in response to prior waiver requests. Because of an error discovered in the equation used to calculate the energy usage of these products, DOE has rescinded the prior waivers and is proposing to correct this equation to ensure the accuracy of the calculations provided under the alternative test procedure. DOE solicits comments on its proposed modifications to correct the procedure contained in prior waivers issued to PAPRSA. DOE has issued an interim waiver for hybrid basic model PR6180WBC and all other PAPRSA hybrid basic models previously subject to a waiver. **DOE will accept comments, data, and information with regard to the proposed modification until February 25, 2016.**

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### [Changes in Certain Multifamily Mortgage Insurance Premiums](#)

**Published** 1/28/2016

**Reference** ASHRAE

On October 2, 2015, HUD published a notice in the Federal Register announcing the mortgage insurance premiums (MIPs) for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Multifamily, Health Care Facilities, and Hospital mortgage insurance programs that have commitments to be issued or reissued in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. In the October 2, 2015, notice, HUD stated that the FY 2016 MIPs would be the same as those published for FY 2015. Today's notice announces proposed changes to the FY 2016 MIPs for certain FHA Multifamily Housing Insurance programs for commitments issued or reissued beginning April 1, 2016. MIP rates for mortgage insurance programs under FHA's Office of Healthcare Programs, including health care facilities and hospital insurance programs, will not change. These proposed MIP changes reflect the health of the FHA Multifamily portfolio, an effort to simplify the rate structure, and HUD's commitment to promote its mission initiatives.

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### [Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Prerinse Spray Valves](#)

**Published** 1/27/2016

**Reference** ASHRAE, ASTM, CSA

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended, prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including commercial prerinse spray valves (CPSVs). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to periodically determine whether more-stringent standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would save a significant amount of energy. In this final rule, DOE is adopting more-stringent energy conservation standards for commercial prerinse spray valves because DOE has determined that the amended energy conservation standards for these products would result in significant conservation of energy, and are technologically feasible and economically justified. **The effective date of this rule is March 28, 2016.**

**Compliance with the amended standards established for commercial prerinse spray valves in this final rule is required on and after January 28, 2019.**

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### [Endangered and Threatened Species; Critical Habitat for Endangered North Atlantic Right Whale](#)

**Published** 1/27/2016

**Reference** IEC

We (NMFS) are issuing this final rule to replace the critical habitat for right whales in the North Atlantic with two new areas. The areas being designated as critical habitat contain approximately 29,763 nm<sup>2</sup> of marine habitat in the Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank region (Unit 1) and off the Southeast U.S. coast (Unit 2). We have considered positive and negative economic, national security, and other relevant impacts of the critical habitat. We are not excluding any particular area from the final critical habitat.

A Biological Source Document provides the basis for our identification of the physical and biological features essential to the conservation of the species that may require special management considerations or protection. A report was also prepared pursuant to section 4(b)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in support of this rule. **This rule is effective February 26, 2016.**

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### [Revised Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards](#)

**Published** 1/26/2016

**Reference** IEC, NEMA

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) approves seven critical infrastructure protection (CIP) Reliability Standards: CIP-003-6 (Security Management Controls), CIP-004-6 (Personnel and Training), CIP-006-6 (Physical Security of BES Cyber Systems), CIP-007-6 (Systems Security Management), CIP-009-6 (Recovery Plans for BES Cyber Systems), CIP-010-2 (Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments), and CIP-011-2 (Information Protection). The proposed Reliability Standards address the cyber security of the bulk electric system and improve upon the current Commission-approved CIP Reliability Standards. In addition, the Commission directs NERC to develop certain modifications to improve the CIP Reliability Standards. **This rule will become effective March 31, 2016.**

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### [Orders Granting Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas, To Import and Export Liquefied Natural Gas, Denying Request for Rehearing, and To Vacate Prior Authorization During December 2015](#)

**Published** 1/26/2016

**Reference** ISO

The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during December 2015, it issued orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, to import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG), denying request for rehearing, and to vacate prior authority. These orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at <http://energy.gov/fe/downloads/listing-doefe-authorizationsorders-issued-2015>.

They are also available for inspection and copying in the U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Division of Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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### [Meeting for Software Developers on the Common Formats for Patient Safety Data Collection and Event Reporting](#)

**Published** 1/26/2016

**Reference** ISO

AHRQ coordinates the development of sets of common definitions and reporting formats (Common Formats) for reporting on health care quality and patient safety. In order to support the Common Formats, AHRQ has provided technical specifications to promote standardization by ensuring that data collected by Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs) and other entities are clinically and electronically comparable. More information on the Common Formats, including the technical specifications, can be obtained through AHRQ's PSO Web site: <http://www.pso.ahrq.gov/>.

The purpose of this notice is to announce a meeting to discuss the Common Formats. This meeting is designed as an interactive forum where software developers and PSOs can provide input on the formats. AHRQ especially requests participation by and input from those entities which have used AHRQ's technical specifications and implemented, or plan to implement, the formats electronically. **The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2016.**

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