

## U.S. Federal Register Update: January 23 – 27, 2017

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### [Pipeline Safety: Operator Qualification, Cost Recovery, Accident and Incident Notification, and Other Pipeline Safety Changes](#)

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**Reference** ANSI, ASME

PHMSA is amending the pipeline safety regulations to address requirements of the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (2011 Act), and to update and clarify certain regulatory requirements. Among other provisions, PHMSA is adding a specific time frame for telephonic or electronic notifications of accidents and incidents and adding provisions for cost recovery for design reviews of certain new projects, for the renewal of expiring special permits, and setting out the process for requesting protection of confidential commercial information. PHMSA is also amending the drug and alcohol testing requirements, and incorporating consensus standards by reference for in-line inspection (ILI) and Stress Corrosion Cracking Direct Assessment (SCCDA). **This final rule is effective March 24, 2017. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 24, 2017.**

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### [Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition](#)

**Published** 1/23/2017

**Reference** ANSI, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to expand the scope of recognition for Intertek Testing Service NA, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on January 23, 2017.**

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### [TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition and Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards](#)

**Published** 1/23/2017

**Reference** ANSI, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to expand the scope of recognition for TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and to add one new standard to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on January 23, 2017.**

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### [Curtis-Strauss LLC: Grant of Expansion of Recognition](#)

**Published** 1/23/2017

**Reference** ANSI, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to expand the scope of recognition for Curtis-Strauss LLC, as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on January 23, 2017.**

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### [Tobacco Product Standard for N-Nitrosornicotine Level in Finished Smokeless Tobacco Products](#)

**Published** 1/23/2017

**Reference** ANSI, ISO

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing a tobacco product standard that would establish a limit of N-nitrosornicotine (NNN) in finished smokeless tobacco products. FDA is taking this action because NNN is a potent carcinogenic agent found in smokeless tobacco products and is a major contributor to the elevated cancer risks associated with smokeless tobacco use. Because products with higher NNN levels pose higher risks of cancer, FDA finds that establishing a NNN limit in finished smokeless tobacco products is appropriate for the protection of the public health. **Submit either electronic or written comments on the proposed rule by April 10, 2017. In accordance with 21 CFR 10.40(c), in finalizing this rulemaking FDA will review and consider all comments submitted before the time for comment on this proposed regulation has expired. If your comment is submitted after the expiration of the comment period, it will not be reviewed and considered by FDA unless you apply for, and receive, an extension of the comment period pursuant to 21 CFR 10.40(b)(3). Submit comments on information collection issues under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the**

PRA) by February 22, 2017, (see the “Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995” section). See section VII of this document for the proposed effective date of a final ruled based on this document.

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#### Examinations of Working Places in Metal and Nonmetal Mines

**Published** 1/23/2017

**Reference** ASSE

The Mine Safety and Health Administration's final rule amends the Agency's standards for the examination of working places in metal and nonmetal mines. This final rule requires that an examination of the working place be conducted before miners begin working in that place, that operators notify miners in the affected areas of any conditions found that may adversely affect their safety or health, that operators promptly initiate corrective action, and that a record be made of the examination. The final rule also requires that the examination record include: The name of the person conducting the examination, the date of the examination, the location of all areas examined, a description of each condition found that may adversely affect the safety or health of miners, and the date of the corrective action. In addition, the final rule requires that mine operators make the examination record available for inspection by authorized representatives of the Secretary and miners' representatives and provide a copy upon request. **Effective date: May 23, 2017.**

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#### Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

**Published** 1/26/2017

**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (the “Department”) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain carbon and alloy steel cut-to-length plate (“CTL plate”) from the People's Republic of China (“PRC”). For information on the estimated subsidy rates, see the “Final Determination” section of this notice.

**Effective January 26, 2017.**

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#### Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

**Published** 1/26/2017

**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Department) determines that certain carbon and alloy steel cut-to-length plate (CTL plate) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The final dumping margin of sales at LTFV is shown in the “Final Determination” section of this notice. **Effective January 26, 2017.**

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