

U.S. Federal Register Update: July 24 – July 28, 2017

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[Preliminary Analysis Regarding Energy Efficiency Improvements in ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2016: Energy Standard for Buildings, Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing the availability of a Preliminary Energy Savings Analysis of ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2016 (Preliminary Analysis). DOE welcomes written comments from interested parties on any subject within the scope of this Preliminary Analysis. **DOE will accept written comments and information on the Preliminary Analysis no later than September 8, 2017.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Dock Modification Project](#)

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Reference ANSI

NMFS has received a request from the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to modifying the Gary Paxton Industrial Park (GPIP) dock in Sawmill Cove, Alaska. 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. **Comments and information must be received no later than August 25, 2017.**

[Energy Conservation Program for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedure for Certain Categories of Commercial Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

In response to statutory requirements to review its test procedures in response to any updates of the relevant industry test procedures, as referenced in the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1 (ASHRAE Standard 90.1), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is initiating a data collection process to consider amendments to DOE's test procedures for commercial package air conditioning and heating equipment with test procedure updates included in ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016—specifically, those evaporatively-cooled commercial unitary air conditioners (ECUACs), water-cooled commercial unitary air conditioners (WCUACs), and air-cooled commercial unitary air conditioners (ACUACs) which have a rated cooling capacity greater than or equal to 65,000 Btu/h and less than 760,000 Btu/h; and all classes of computer room air conditioners (CRACs); as well as to consider adopting a new test procedure for dedicated outdoor air systems (DOASes), equipment covered by ASHRAE Standard 90.1 for the first time. In response to other statutory requirements for DOE to review its test procedures at least once every seven years, DOE is also reviewing its test procedures for ECUACs and WCUACs with a rated cooling capacity less than 65,000 Btu/h, as well as all classes of variable refrigerant flow multi-split air conditioners and heat pumps (VRF multi-split systems) but excluding single-phase systems with a rated cooling capacity less than 65,000 Btu/h, which are covered as consumer products. To inform interested parties and to facilitate this process, DOE has gathered data and has identified several issues that might warrant modifications to the currently applicable Federal test procedures, topics on which DOE is particularly interested in receiving comment. In overview, the issues outlined in this document mainly concern incorporation by reference of the most recent version of the relevant industry standard(s); efficiency metrics and calculations; clarification of test methods; and any additional topics that may inform DOE's decisions in a future test procedure rulemaking, including methods to reduce regulatory burden while ensuring the procedures' accuracy. These topics (and others identified by commenters) are ones which may be addressed in proposed test procedure amendments in a subsequent notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR). DOE welcomes written comments and data from the public on any subject related to the test procedures for this equipment, including topics not specifically raised in this RFI. **Written comments, data, and information are requested and will be accepted on or before August 24, 2017.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental To Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to a Geophysical Survey in the Central Pacific Ocean](#)

Published 7/24/2017

Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from the University of Hawaii (UH) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to a marine geophysical survey in the Central Pacific Ocean. 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 will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorization and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision.

Comments and information must be received no later than August 23, 2017.

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Pile Driving Activities for the Restoration of Pier 62, Seattle Waterfront, Elliot Bay](#)

Published 7/25/2017

Reference ANSI

NMFS has received a request from the Seattle Department of Transportation (Seattle DOT) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to pile driving activities for the restoration of Pier 62, Seattle Waterfront, Elliot Bay in Seattle, Washington. 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.

Comments and information must be received no later than August 24, 2017.

[Expedited Approval of Alternative Test Procedures for the Analysis of Contaminants Under the Safe Drinking Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures](#)

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Reference ASTM

This action announces the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) approval of alternative testing methods for use in measuring the levels of contaminants in drinking water and determining compliance with national primary drinking water regulations. The Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes EPA to approve the use of alternative testing methods through publication in the Federal Register. EPA is using this streamlined authority to make 17 additional methods available for analyzing drinking water samples. This expedited approach provides public water systems, laboratories, and primacy agencies with more timely access to new measurement techniques and greater flexibility in the selection of analytical methods, thereby reducing monitoring costs while maintaining public health protection. **This action is effective July 27, 2017.**

[Navigation and Navigable Waters, and Shipping; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments](#)

Published 7/28/2017

Reference ASTM

This final rule makes non-substantive technical, organizational, and conforming amendments to existing Coast Guard regulations. This rule will have no substantive effect on the regulated public. **This final rule is effective July 28, 2017.**

[Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory](#)

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Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Intertek USA, Inc., has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of May 5, 2016. **Intertek USA, Inc., was accredited and approved as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of May 5, 2016. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for May 2019.**

[Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Taiwan: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (the Department) determines that imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) from Taiwan are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI)

is July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. For information on the estimated weighted-average dumping margins of sales at LTFV, see the “Final Determination” section of this notice. **Applicable July 27, 2017.**

[Notice of Petition for Waiver of Apple, Inc., Microsoft Corporation, Poin2 Lab, and Hefei Bitland Information Technology Co., Ltd. From the Department of Energy External Power Supplies Test Procedure and Grant of Interim Waiver](#)

Published 7/24/2017

Reference IEC

This notice announces receipt of and publishes petitions for waivers from Apple, Inc. (“Apple”), Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”), Poin2 Lab (“Poin2”), and Hefei Bitland Information Technology Co., Ltd. (“Bitland”) (collectively, “the petitioners”) seeking an exemption from specific portions of the U.S. Department of Energy’s (“DOE’s”) test procedure for determining external power supply (“EPS”) energy efficiency. The waiver requests pertain to adaptive EPSs that support a particular International Electrotechnical Commission standard. Under the existing DOE test procedure, the average active mode efficiency of an adaptive EPS must be tested at both its lowest and highest achievable output voltages. The petitioners contend that since their products operate above 2 amps current at the lowest achievable output voltages under rare conditions and for only brief periods of time, the suggested alternative testing approach detailed in their waiver petition requests is needed to measure the active mode efficiency of their products in a representative manner. DOE is granting the petitioners with an interim waiver from the DOE EPS test procedure for the specified basic models of EPSs, subject to use of the alternative test procedure as set forth in this document and is soliciting comments, data, and information concerning the petitions and the suggested alternate test procedure. **DOE will accept comments, data, and information with regard to the petition until August 23, 2017.**

[Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission](#)

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Reference IEC

As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number. **Written comments should be submitted on or before September 25, 2017. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts below as soon as possible.**

[TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition and Application for Reduction in Scope of Recognition](#)

Published 7/27/2017

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. (TUVRNA), for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the Agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. Additionally, TUVRNA requests the removal of a test standard from its scope of recognition. **Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before August 11, 2017.**
