

U.S. Federal Register Update: April 23 – April 27, 2018

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[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to a Low-Energy Geophysical Survey in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to a low-energy marine geophysical survey in the Northwest Atlantic 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 May 29, 2018.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental To Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the South Basin Improvements Project at the San Francisco Ferry Terminal](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal Expansion Project, South Basin Improvements Project in San Francisco, California. 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 authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision. **Comments and information must be received no later than May 29, 2018.**

[Applied Research Laboratories of South Florida, LLC: Grant of Recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory](#)

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Reference ANSI, UL

In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to grant recognition to Applied Research Laboratories of South Florida, LLC, as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). **Recognition as a NRTL becomes effective on April 25, 2018.**

[Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities; Proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization for Northern Sea Otters in Cook Inlet, Alaska; Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment; Request for Comments](#)

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Reference ANSI

We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in response to a request under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, from Hilcorp Alaska, LLC, propose to authorize nonlethal, incidental take by harassment of small numbers of northern sea otters between May 23, 2018, and September 30, 2018. The applicant has requested this authorization for take that may result from aircraft overflights in Cook Inlet, Alaska. Aerial surveys are needed to collect gravitational and magnetic data for oil and gas exploration. This proposed authorization, if finalized, will be for take by Level B harassment only; no take by injury or death will be authorized. The application package and the references cited herein are available for viewing at <http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/mmm/iha.htm> or may be requested as described under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. **Comments on the proposed incidental harassment authorization and draft environmental assessment will be accepted on or before May 29, 2018.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Cooking Products, Notification of Petition for Rulemaking](#)

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Reference ANSI, AHAM, ASTM, CSA, IEC, ISO, UL

On March 26, 2018, the Department of Energy (DOE) received a petition from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) to withdraw, and immediately stay the effectiveness of, the conventional cooking top test

procedure. Through this notification, DOE seeks comment on the petition, as well as any data or information that could be used in DOE's determination whether to proceed with the petition. **Written comments and information are requested on or before June 25, 2018.**

[Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Special Permits](#)

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Reference ASME

In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. **Comments must be received on or before May 23, 2018.**

[Biodiesel From Argentina and Indonesia: Antidumping Duty Orders](#)

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Reference ASTM

Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing antidumping duty (AD) orders on biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia. **Applicable April 26, 2018.**

[National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Asbestos: Request for Approval of an Alternative Work Practice for Asbestos Cement Pipe Replacement](#)

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Reference ASTM

This action provides public notice and solicits comment on an alternative work practice (AWP) request under the Clean Air Act, to use new technology and work practices developed for removal and replacement of asbestos cement (A/C) pipe. In this action, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting comment on all aspects of this request for an AWP that, in order to be approved, should be at least environmentally equivalent to the existing work practices in the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Asbestos (Asbestos NESHAP), which applies to the removal and replacement of A/C pipe. **The EPA must receive written comments on or before June 25, 2018.**

[Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty \(CVD\) Determination, Alignment of Final CVD Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination, and Preliminary CVD Determination of Critical Circumstances](#)

Published 4/23/2018

Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of common alloy aluminum sheet (common alloy sheet) from the People's Republic of China (China). The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. **Applicable April 23, 2018.**

[Evaluating Electromagnetic and Radio-Frequency Interference in Safety-Related Instrumentation and Control Systems](#)

Published 4/24/2018

Reference IEC, IEEE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment Draft Regulatory Guide (DG), DG-1333, "Guidelines for Evaluating Electromagnetic and Radio-Frequency Interference in Safety-Related Instrumentation and Control Systems." DG-1333 is proposed Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.180, "Guidelines for Evaluating Electromagnetic and Radio-Frequency Interference in Safety-Related Instrumentation and Control Systems," dated October 2003. This DG updates the guidance on electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) practices and test methods that the staff of the NRC consider acceptable for qualifying safety-related instrumentation and control (I&C) systems for the expected electromagnetic environment in nuclear power plants. **Submit comments by June 25, 2018. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.**
