

U.S. Federal Register Update: May 13 – May 17, 2019

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Fire Protection for Recreational Vessels

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Reference NFPA

The Coast Guard proposes to amend the rules for recreational vessels by moving fire extinguishing equipment standards for recreational vessels from the uninspected vessel subchapter, which includes requirements for both recreational and commercial vessels, to the subchapter applicable only to recreational vessels. This proposed move would relieve owners of recreational vessels from having to adhere to NFPA 10 fire extinguisher inspection, maintenance, and recordkeeping requirements intended to apply to commercial vessels only. This would not alter fire extinguishing equipment standards for commercial vessels, but would correct an incongruity in our regulations. **Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before July 12, 2019.**

Standards Improvement Project-Phase IV

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Reference ANSI, SAE

In response to the President's Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulations and Regulatory Review," and consistent with Executive Order 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda," OSHA is removing or revising outdated, duplicative, unnecessary, and inconsistent requirements in its safety and health standards. The current review, the fourth in this ongoing effort, the Standards Improvement Project-Phase IV (SIP-IV), reduces regulatory burden while maintaining or enhancing worker safety and health, and improving privacy protections. This rule is effective on July 15, 2019.

Measurement Standards Used at U.S. Nuclear Power Plants

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Reference ISO, IEC, ANSI, NCSLI

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received a petition for rulemaking from Michael Taylor, dated December 3, 2018, as amended on January 24, 2019. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to revise the measurement standards used at U.S. nuclear power plants. The petition was docketed by the NRC on March 4, 2019, and has been assigned Docket No. PRM-50-118. The NRC is examining the issues raised in PRM-50-118 to determine whether they should be considered in rulemaking. **Submit comments by July 29, 2019.**

Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Revisions

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Reference ISO, IEC

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) is revising existing regulations for well control and blowout preventer systems. This final rule revises requirements for well design, well control, casing, cementing, real-time monitoring (RTM), and subsea containment. These revisions modify regulations pertaining to offshore oil and gas drilling, completions, workovers, and decommissioning in accordance with Executive and Secretary of the Interior's Orders to ensure safety and environmental protection, while correcting errors and reducing certain unnecessary regulatory burdens imposed under the existing regulations. Accordingly, after thoroughly reexamining the 2016 Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control final rule (WCR), experiences from the implementation process, and various BSEE policies (notices to lessees, answers to frequently asked questions, and conditions of approval), BSEE will amend, revise, or remove certain current regulatory provisions that create unnecessary burdens on stakeholders, while still maintaining safety and environmental protection. The final regulations also address various issues and errors that BSEE identified during the implementation of the 2016 WCR. **This final rule becomes effective on July 15, 2019.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Compressors, Notice of Petition for Rulemaking](#)

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Reference ISO

On April 17, 2019, the Department of Energy (DOE) received a petition from Atlas Copco North America, Inc. (Atlas Copco) asking DOE to allow compressor manufacturers to determine the applicable full-load package isentropic efficiency, part-load package isentropic efficiency, package specific power, maximum full-flow operating pressure, full-load operating pressure, full-load actual volume flow rate, and pressure ratio at full-load operating pressure using either the DOE test procedure or the consensus industry test method, International Organization for Standardization 1217:2009 (ISO 1217). Through this notice, DOE seeks comment on the petition, as well as any data or information that could be used in DOE's determination on whether to proceed with the petition. **Written comments and information are requested on or before August 15, 2019.**
