U.S. Federal Register Update: April 22 – April 26, 2019

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Curtis-Strauss LLC: Grant of Expansion of Recognition
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Reference ANSI, UL
In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for Curtis-Strauss LLC (CSL), as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on April 26, 2019.

Energy Conservation Program: Data Collection and Comparison With Forecasted Unit Sales of Five Lamp Types
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Reference ANSI, NEMA
The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is informing the public of its collection of shipment data and creation of spreadsheet models to provide comparisons between 2018 unit sales and benchmark estimate unit sales of five lamp types (i.e., rough service lamps, vibration service lamps, 3-way incandescent lamps, 2,601-3,300 lumen general service incandescent lamps, and shatter-resistant lamps). For 3-way incandescent lamps, 2,601-3,300 lumen general service incandescent lamps, and shatter-resistant lamps, the 2018 sales are not greater than 200 percent of the forecasted estimates. The 2018 unit sales for vibration service lamps are greater than 200 percent of the benchmark unit sales estimate. The 2018 unit sales for rough service lamps are below the benchmark unit sales estimate. DOE has prepared, and is making available on its website, a spreadsheet showing the comparisons of projected sales versus 2018 sales, as well as the model used to generate the original sales estimates.

Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Chevron Richmond Refinery Long Wharf Maintenance and Efficiency Project in San Francisco Bay, California
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Reference ANSI
NMFS has received a request from Chevron for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to pile driving and removal associated with the Long Wharf Maintenance and Efficiency Project (LWMEP) in San Francisco Bay, 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 is also requesting comments on a possible one-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. 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 28, 2019.

CSA Group Testing & Certification, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition and Modification to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards
Published 4/22/2019
Reference ANSI, CSA, UL
In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for CSA Group Testing & Certification, Inc. (CSA), as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). Additionally, OSHA announces the addition of one test standard to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards. The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on April 22, 2019.

Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Site Characterization Surveys off the Coast of North Carolina
Published 4/25/2019
Reference ANSI
NMFS has received a request from Avangrid Renewables, LLC for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to high-resolution geophysical (HRG) survey investigations associated with marine site characterization activities off the coast of North Carolina in the area of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0508) (the Lease Area) and the coastal waters off North Carolina and Virginia where one or more cable route corridors will be established. 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 is also requesting comments on a possible one-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. 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 28, 2019.

**Steel Racks From the People's Republic of China: Amended Preliminary Countervailing Duty Determination**
Published 4/22/2019
Reference ANSI, CSA
The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is amending the scope of the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of steel racks from China to conform with the scope published in the preliminary determination of the companion antidumping duty (AD) investigation of steel racks from China. The period of investigation is January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Applicable April 22, 2019.

**Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Small Electric Motors and Electric Motors**
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Reference AHAM, CSA, IEC, IEEE, ISO, NEMA, UL
The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposes amending its test procedures for small electric motors. First, DOE proposes further harmonizing its procedures with industry practice by incorporating a new industry standard manufacturers would be permitted to use in addition to the industry standards currently incorporated by reference as options for use when testing small electric motor efficiency. Second, with respect to electric motors, DOE proposes further harmonizing its test procedures by incorporating an additional industry standard to the two that are already incorporated by reference as options when testing the efficiency of this equipment. Each of these changes is expected to reduce testing burdens on manufacturers. Finally, DOE proposes to adopt industry provisions related to the test conditions to ensure the comparability of test results for small electric motors. None of these proposed changes would affect the measured average full-load efficiency of small electric motors or the measured nominal full-load efficiency of electric motors when compared to the current test procedures. **DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this proposal no later than June 24, 2019. See section V, “Public Participation,” for details. DOE will hold a public meeting on this proposed test procedure if one is requested by May 7, 2019.**

**Anchoring Components and Structural Supports in Concrete**
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Reference ASTM
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1284, “Anchoring Components and Structural Supports in Concrete.” This proposed guide, Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.199 of the same name, endorses Appendix D, “Anchoring to Concrete,” of an updated version of American Concrete Institute code ACI 349, “Code Requirements for Nuclear Safety-Related Concrete Structures and Commentary (2013).” The previous version of RG 1.199 endorsed ACI 349-1997. It also endorses ACI 355.2-07, “Qualification of Post-Installed Mechanical Anchors in Concrete and Commentary,” and ASTM E488-15, “Standard Test Methods for Strength of Anchors in Concrete Elements.” **Submit comments by June 21, 2019. 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.**

Biweekly Notice: Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations
Published 4/23/2019
Reference NFPA
Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, from March 26, 2019 to April 8, 2019. The last biweekly notice was published on April 9, 2019. Comments must be filed by May 23, 2019. A request for a hearing must be filed by June 24, 2019.