U.S. Federal Register Update: May 7 – May 11, 2018

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Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Revisions
Published 5/11/2018
Reference ANSI, API, IEC, ISO
The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) is proposing to revise existing regulations for well control and blowout preventer systems. This proposed rule would revise 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 original Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control final rule (WCR), experiences from the implementation process, and BSEE policy, BSEE proposes to amend, revise, or remove current regulatory provisions that create unnecessary burdens on stakeholders while ensuring safety and environmental protection. The proposed regulations would also address various issues and errors that were identified during the implementation of the recent rulemaking on these issues. Submit comments by July 10, 2018. BSEE may not fully consider comments received after this date. You may submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the information collection burden in this proposed rule by June 11, 2018. The deadline for comments on the information collection burden does not affect the deadline for the public to comment to BSEE on the proposed regulations.

Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Ketchikan Berth IV Expansion Project
Published 5/11/2018
Reference ANSI, ISO
NMFS has received a request from the Ketchikan Dock Company (KDC) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Ketchikan Berth IV expansion project in Ketchikan, 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. 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 June 11, 2018.

National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Securing Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) Cybersecurity for the Healthcare Sector
Published 5/9/2018
Reference ANSI, AAMI, IEC, ISO
The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites organizations to provide products and technical expertise to support and demonstrate security platforms for the Securing Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) Cybersecurity for the healthcare sector. This notice is the initial step for the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) in collaborating with technology companies to address cybersecurity challenges identified under the healthcare sector program. Participation in the use case is open to all interested organizations. Collaborative activities will commence as soon as enough completed and signed letters of interest have been returned to address all the necessary components and capabilities, but no earlier than June 8, 2018.

Northern States Power Company: Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Published 5/9/2018
Reference ASME, ANS, NFPA
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued an exemption for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Docket No. 50-263, in response to an April 6, 2017, request from Northern States Power Company. Specifically, the exemption is from the regulation that requires where redundant trains of systems necessary to achieve and maintain hot
Accepted Means of Compliance; Airworthiness Standards: Normal Category Airplanes

Published 5/11/2018
Reference ASTM
This document announces the availability of 63 Means of Compliance (MOC) based on 30 published ASTM International (ASTM) consensus standards developed by ASTM Committee F44 on General Aviation Aircraft. A total of 46 of these accepted MOCs consist of ASTM consensus standards as published, with the remaining 17 MOCs comprised of a combination of ASTM standards and FAA changes. The Administrator finds these MOCs to be an acceptable means, but not the only means, of showing compliance to the applicable regulations in part 23, amendment 23-64, for normal category airplanes. The Administrator further finds that these accepted means of complying with part 23, amendment 23-64, provide at least the same level of safety as the corresponding requirements in part 23, amendment 23-63. Comments must be received on or before July 10, 2018.

Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

Published 5/10/2018
Reference ASTM
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Intertek USA, Inc., has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of June 13, 2017. The accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on June 13, 2017. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for June 2020.

Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

Published 5/10/2018
Reference ASTM
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that SGS North America, Inc., has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of May 19, 2016. The accreditation and approval of SGS North America, Inc., as commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on May 19, 2016. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for May 2019.

Clad Steel Plate From Japan: Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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Reference ASTM
As a result of this expedited sunset review, Commerce finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the “Final Results of Review” section of this notice. Applicable May 11, 2018.

Accreditation and Approval of AmSpec LLC (Ferndale, WA) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

Published 5/10/2018
Reference ASTM
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that AmSpec LLC (Ferndale, WA) 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 August 24, 2017. AmSpec LLC (Ferndale, WA) was approved and accredited as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of August 24, 2017. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for August 2020.

Carton-Closing Staples From the People’s Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order

Published 5/8/2018
Reference ASTM
Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing an antidumping duty order on carton-closing staples from the People’s Republic of China (China). Applicable May 8, 2018.
4.9 GHz Band
Published 5/7/2018
Reference IEEE, UL
In 2002, the Commission allocated the 4940-4990 MHz (4.9 GHz) band for fixed and mobile use and designated the band for public safety broadband communications. Since then, the band has experienced relatively light usage compared to the heavy use of other public safety bands. In this document, the Commission proposes several rule changes and seeks comment on alternatives with the goal of promoting increased public safety use of the band while opening up the spectrum to additional uses that will encourage a more robust market for equipment and greater innovation. The Commission proposes rules on channel aggregation, aeronautical mobile use, frequency coordination, site-based licensing, regional planning, and technical rule changes with the goal of promoting increased use of the band. The Commission seeks comment on alternatives such as expanding eligibility, spectrum leasing, sharing, and redesignating the band for commercial use.
Submit comments on or before July 6, 2018. Submit reply comments August 6, 2018.

Notice of Intent To Grant a Buy America Waiver to the North Carolina Department of Transportation To Use Certain Non-Domestic Components of a Fire Alarm System
Published 5/11/2018
Reference UL
FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public it intends to grant the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) a waiver from FRA’s Buy America requirement to use certain non-domestic components of a fire alarm system that Lake Electric, Inc. will provide for the Locomotive and Railcar Maintenance Facility project in Charlotte, NC. Lake Electric, Inc. is an electrical contractor for the Locomotive and Railcar Maintenance Facility project. Written comments on FRA’s determination to grant a Buy America waiver to NCDOT should be provided to the FRA on or before May 18, 2018.