

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

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[Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Northwest Fisheries Science Center Fisheries Research](#)

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Reference ANSI

NMFS' Office of Protected Resources (OPR), upon request of NMFS' Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC), hereby issues regulations to govern the unintentional taking of marine mammals incidental to fisheries research conducted in the Pacific Ocean over the course of five years. These regulations, which allow for the issuance of Letters of Authorization (LOA) for the incidental take of marine mammals during the described activities and specified timeframes, prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat, as well as requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. **Effective from August 27, 2018, through August 28, 2023.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Seattle Multimodal Project in Seattle, Washington](#)

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Reference ANSI

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that we have issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to Seattle Multimodal Project at Colman Dock in Seattle, Washington. **This authorization is effective from August 1, 2018, through July 31, 2019.**

[Small-Scale Natural Gas Exports](#)

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Reference ASME, ISO

The Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) is revising its regulations to provide that DOE will issue an export authorization upon receipt of any complete application that seeks to export natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), to countries with which the United States has not entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries), provided that the application satisfies the following two criteria: The application proposes to export natural gas in a volume up to and including 51.75 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr) (equivalent to 0.14 Bcf per day (Bcf/d)), and DOE's approval of the application does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS) or an environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Applications that satisfy these criteria are requesting authorization for "small-scale natural gas exports," and DOE deems such exports to be consistent with the public interest under the Natural Gas Act (NGA). DOE's regulations regarding notice of applications and procedures conducted on applications do not apply to applications that satisfy these criteria. This regulation is intended to expedite DOE's processing of these applications and reduce administrative burdens for the small-scale natural gas export market. **This final rule is effective August 24, 2018.**

[Proposed Modification to the List of Appropriate NRTL Program Test Standards and the Scopes of Recognition of Several NRTLs](#)

Published 7/24/2018

Reference CSA, UL

In this notice, OSHA proposes to delete three test standards from the NRTL Program's list of appropriate test standards; and update the scopes of recognition of several NRTLs. **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 23, 2018. All submissions must bear a postmark or provide other evidence of the submission date.**

[Notice of Orders Issued Under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act During June 2018](#)

Published 7/26/2018

Reference ISO

The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during June 2018, it issued orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, and to import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG). These orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE website at <https://www.energy.gov/fe/listing-doe-fe-authorizations-orders-issued-2018-0>.

[TUV SUD America, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition](#)

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Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of TUV SUD America, Inc., for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. **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 8, 2018.**

[MET Laboratories, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition and Proposed Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards](#)

Published 7/24/2018

Reference UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of MET Laboratories, Inc., for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the Agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. Additionally, OSHA proposes to add one new test standard to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. **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 8, 2018.**
