

## U.S. Federal Register Update: August 31 – September 4, 2020

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### [Information Collection; Certification of Concrete Construction](#)

**Published** 9/4/2020

**Reference** ANSI, ASTM

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection, Certification of Concrete Construction. **Comments must be received in writing on or before November 3, 2020 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.**

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### [Use of Lead Free Pipes, Fittings, Fixtures, Solder, and Flux for Drinking Water](#)

**Published** 9/1/2020

**Reference** ANSI, CSA, IAPMO, ICC, Intertek, NSF, UL, Truesdail, WQA

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing changes to existing regulations to protect the public from lead in plumbing materials used in public water systems or residential or nonresidential facilities providing water for human consumption. The changes in this rule codify aspects of the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act of 2011 (RLDWA) and the Community Fire Safety Act of 2013 (CFSa). The RLDWA amended section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which prohibits the use and introduction into commerce of certain plumbing products that are not "lead free." The RLDWA revised the definition of lead free to lower the allowable maximum lead content of plumbing products; and established a statutory method for calculating lead content. EPA is also establishing new requirements for manufacturers or importers that introduce into commerce products that must meet lead free requirements to certify such products as being in compliance with the lead free requirements in Section 1417 of the SDWA, as well as other changes to existing regulations to assist in implementation of Section 1417 of the SDWA, as amended. EPA expects that these requirements for lead content in plumbing materials used in new installations and repairs will result in fewer sources of lead in drinking water and, consequently, will reduce adverse health effects associated with exposure to lead in drinking water. The SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section details EPA's changes to existing regulations as authorized under the SDWA as amended. **This final rule is effective on October 1, 2020. The compliance date for the product certification requirements in 40 CFR 143.19 is September 1, 2023. For purposes of judicial review, this rule is promulgated as of September 1, 2020.**

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### [Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Other Solid Waste Incineration Units Review](#)

**Published** 9/4/2020

**Reference** ANSI, ASME, ASTM, UL

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) proposes to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference, with certain enumerated exceptions, the latest version (Version 003.3) of the Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities adopted by the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB). The WEQ Version 003.3 Standards also include, in their entirety, the WEQ-023 Modeling Business Practice Standards contained in the WEQ Version 003.1 Standards, which address the technical issues affecting Available Transfer Capability and Available Flowgate Capability calculation for wholesale electric transmission services, with the addition of certain revisions and corrections. The revisions made by NAESB in the WEQ Version 003.3 Standards are designed to aid public utilities with the consistent and uniform implementation of requirements promulgated by the Commission as part of the pro forma Open Access Transmission Tariff. **Comments are due November 3, 2020.**

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### [Hazardous Materials: Notice of Actions on Special Permits](#)

**Published** 9/4/2020

**Reference** ASME, ISO

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 October 5, 2020.**

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### [Enforcement for Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment](#)

**Published** 8/31/2020

**Reference** IEC, ISO

The U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE” or the “Department”) proposes to revise its existing enforcement regulations for certain consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment covered under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, as amended (EPCA or the “Act”). The proposal, if adopted, would provide the regulated industry with further clarity and transparency about DOE's enforcement process, including enforcement sampling procedures and test notice requirements. The proposal provides for a process to petition DOE for reexamination of a pending determination of noncompliance, and for DOE to have the discretion to consider third-party certification program testing as official enforcement test data. Ultimately, the proposal will further align DOE's regulations with its statutory authority, foster communication between DOE and the regulated industry, and promote the effective and systematic enforcement of DOE's regulations. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) no later than October 30, 2020. See section V, “Public Participation,” for details.

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### [Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board](#)

**Published** 9/4/2020

**Reference** NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. **The meeting will be held Tuesday, September 22, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.**

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### [Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request](#)

**Published** 9/2/2020

**Reference** NIST

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On May 29, 2020, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR. **Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 2, 2020.**

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### [Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act](#)

**Published** 9/1/2020

**Reference** NIST

As authorized by the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act of 2018 (FASCSA), the Federal Acquisition Security Council (FASC) is issuing this interim final rule to implement the requirements of the laws that govern the operation of the FASC, the sharing of supply chain risk information, and the exercise of its authorities to recommend issuance of removal and exclusion orders to address supply chain security risks. **Effective September 1, 2020. Written comments must be received on or before November 2, 2020.**

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### [Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities](#)

**Published** 9/4/2020

**Reference** NIST

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