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| **February 2020***ANSI Congressional Standards Update* is a monthly, electronic newsletter produced and distributed free of charge to members of Congress and their staff by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). For a complete listing of ANSI news and events, please visit our website [www.ansi.org](https://www.ansi.org/?&source=csu22820). |
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| [Amid Coronavirus Outbreak, IAPMO Issues Statement on Plumbing Systems; ANSI Members Offer Recommendations](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=abcb9a46-da16-4740-91f9-f523ccd41b4e&utm_campaign=OO_EML_%20February-28-2020-csu_BG)The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, a member and audited designator of ANSI, has released an explanatory document on how the coronavirus was likely transmitted between apartment units in a high rise building. In response to the international outbreak of the virus, ANSI members, including the American Chemistry Council and the National Institute of Health have issued recommendations.[U.S. Department of Labor Recognizes Apprenticeship Program for Disabled Veterans](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=987f48e2-9804-48c0-ba44-e46489cc0714&utm_campaign=OO_EML_%20February-28-2020-csu_BG)The apprenticeship includes certificate programs accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB), making it the first ANAB-accredited program for disabled veterans. The apprenticeships will be offered nationwide through employers participating in the U.S. AbilityOne Commission’s AbilityOne Program, which provides employment opportunities to more than 45,000 people who are blind or have significant disabilities, including approximately 3,000 veterans.[Young Professionals Sought for Prominent 2020 International Electrotechnology Workshop Competition](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=92c912b4-a37a-4833-9134-8e4e00c184fbFebruary-28-2020-csu_BG)Nominate today! The U.S. National Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission is accepting nominations until **April 30, 2020** for emerging electrotechnology professionals to participate in an in-depth, five-day IEC Young Professionals 2020 Workshop on **October 5-9, 2020**. The event will be held in conjunction with the 84th IEC General Meeting in Stockholm, Sweden.[Workcred Partners with Corporation for a Skilled Workforce and George Washington University to Launch National Certification Study](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=807fbea8-0aaa-435a-a18a-4e35395a8241February-28-2020-csu_BG)ANSI-affiliate Workcred has partnered with Corporation for a Skilled Workforce and George Washington University to work on a two-year, comprehensive study of industry and occupational certifications, funded by Lumina Foundation. The study is intended to provide policymakers, practitioners, employers, and funders with a clearer picture of the dimensions, patterns, and trends among certifications, as well as how they currently or could interrelate with other parts of the credentialing ecosystem.[ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) Launches Accreditation Program for Global Retail and Manufacturer Alliance Certification](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=a59feacf-64ac-4937-b92a-9db306c2ae82&utm_campaign=OO_EML_%20February-28-2020-CSU_BG)ANAB, a wholly owned subsidiary of ANSI, has launched a new pilot accreditation program for the Global Retail and Manufacturer Alliance (GRMA) certification scheme. The scheme focuses on a wide range of non-food product categories, including dietary supplements, consumer products, over-the-counter drugs, cosmetics, and personal care products.[Set for Science: ANSI and Partner Organizations to Foster Standards Knowledge at 2020 USA Science and Engineering Festival](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=4ab33008-3599-4fe9-8856-05dc8ba498d5&utm_campaign=OO_EML_%20February-28-2020-csu_BG)As part of its long-term effort to support standards education, ANSI will partake in the 2020 USA Science & Engineering Festival on **April 24-26, 2020**, in Washington DC. The event is an opportunity for the Institute and event partners to demonstrate the power of standards and how they support the world around us, including many aspects of students' lives.[ANSI Seeks Comments on Proposed New ISO Standard on Consumer Incident Investigations](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=411a83bd-0aa5-48fa-aa30-25b1b8c3754b&articleid=a59feacf-64ac-4937-b92a-9db306c2ae82&utm_campaign=OO_EML_%20February-28-2020-CSU_BG)ANSI seeks comments on a proposed new International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standard focusing on investigations of consumer incidents. As the U.S. member body to ISO, ANSI requests that all interested U.S. parties review the proposal and submit comments by **March 27, 2020**.[Standards Support Business Resilience: NIST Releases Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management Strategies](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=c91ed5f2-2862-494e-bb93-1c8b1cc969f1&utm_campaign=OO_EML_%20February-28-2020-CSU_BG)Among its key recommendations, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) underscores the use of industry standards to determine supplier criticality. ANSI encourages stakeholder feedback on the draft, which is open for public comment until **March 4, 2020**.[Submit Feedback: NIST Guidance on Federal Agency Conformity Assessment Activities](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=c3c38a31-525a-49f8-b0c9-f16ef4a838fb&utm_campaign=OO_EML_%20February-28-2020-CSU_BG)ANSI encourages its members to submit comments on proposed revisions to regulations updating policy guidance on Federal agency use of conformity assessment. NIST, which published the new guidance, requests comments by **April 7, 2020**. |
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| People-on-the-Move |

[***People on the Move***](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=d4b4daa8-65a7-4b86-877b-8a0d3cbc602b&utm_campaign=OO_EML_%20February-28-2020-csu_BG) offers a quick look at the broad scope of activities underway within the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Federation of members and partners, highlighting recent accomplishments and new resources related to standardization. In this issue:* **The Truss Plate Institute (TPI)** appoints **Jay Jones** as executive director.
* **The Water Quality Association (WQA)** has announced **Mike Sennett** as new general counsel.
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| [World Standards Week 2020](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=fa8379c4-3024-4970-b782-9446aadaf805)October 19-23, 2020 in Washington DC. |

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