

U.S. Federal Register Update: April 4 – April 8, 2022

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[MET Laboratories, Inc.: 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 MET Laboratories, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). **The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on April 5, 2022.**

[Baseline Energy Efficiency Standards Update for New Federal Commercial and Multi-Family High-Rise Residential Buildings](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, NIST

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is publishing this final rule to implement provisions in the Energy Conservation and Production Act (ECPA) that require DOE to update the baseline Federal energy efficiency performance standards for the construction of new Federal commercial and multi-family high-rise residential buildings. This rule updates the baseline Federal commercial standard to the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1-2019. **This rule is effective June 6, 2022. The incorporation by reference of certain material listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 6, 2022. The incorporation by reference of certain other material listed in this rule was approved by the Director of the Federal Register through January 5, 2016. All Federal agencies shall design new Federal buildings that are commercial and multi-family high-rise residential buildings, for which design for construction began on or after April 7, 2023, using ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2019 as the baseline standard for 10 CFR part 433.**

[Energy Efficiency Standards for the Design and Construction of New Federal Low-Rise Residential Buildings Baseline Standards Update](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is publishing this final rule to implement provisions in the Energy Conservation and Production Act (ECPA) that require DOE to update the baseline Federal energy efficiency performance standards for the construction of new Federal low-rise residential buildings. This final rule updates the baseline Federal residential standard to the International Code Council (ICC) 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). **This rule is effective June 6, 2022. The incorporation by reference of certain material listed in this rule was approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 6, 2022. The incorporation by reference of other material listed in this rule was approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 13, 2017. All Federal agencies shall design new Federal buildings that are low-rise residential buildings, for which design for construction began on or after April 5, 2023, using the 2021 IECC as the baseline standard for 10 CFR part 435.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Navy Construction of the Multifunctional Expansion of Dry Dock 1 at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine](#)

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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 NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the U.S. Navy (Navy) to incidentally harass, by Level A and B harassment, marine mammals during activities associated with the Multifunctional Expansion of Dry Dock 1 at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine. **This Authorization is effective from April, 1 2022 through March 31, 2023.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys Off of Coastal Virginia](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from Virginia Electric and Power Company doing business as Dominion Energy Virginia (Dominion Energy) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to marine site characterization surveys off of Virginia in support of the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Commercial (CVOW Commercial) Project. 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-time, 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 6, 2022.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Room Air Conditioners](#)

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Reference AHAM, ASHRAE, UL

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including room air conditioners. EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") to periodically determine whether more-stringent standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings. In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), DOE proposes amended energy conservation standards for room air conditioners, and also announces a webinar to receive comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results. **DOE will hold a webinar on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. See section VIII, "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. Comments: DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this NOPR no later than June 6, 2022. Comments regarding the likely competitive impact of the proposed standard should be sent to the Department of Justice contact listed in the ADDRESSES section on or before May 9, 2022.**

[Pipeline Safety: Requirement of Valve Installation and Minimum Rupture Detection Standards](#)

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Reference ASME

PHMSA is revising the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations applicable to most newly constructed and entirely replaced onshore gas transmission, Type A gas gathering, and hazardous liquid pipelines with diameters of 6 inches or greater. In the revised regulations, PHMSA requires operators of these lines to install rupture-mitigation valves (i.e., remote-control or automatic shut-off valves) or alternative equivalent technologies, and establishes minimum performance standards for those valves' operation to prevent or mitigate the public safety and environmental consequences of pipeline ruptures. This final rule establishes requirements for rupture-mitigation valve spacing, maintenance and inspection, and risk analysis. The final rule also requires operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines to contact 9-1-1 emergency call centers immediately upon notification of a potential rupture and conduct post-rupture investigations and reviews. Operators must also incorporate lessons learned from such investigations and reviews into operators' personnel training and qualifications programs, and in design, construction, testing, maintenance, operations, and emergency procedure manuals and specifications. PHMSA is promulgating these regulations in response to congressional directives following major pipeline incidents where there were significant environmental consequences or losses of human life. The revisions are intended to achieve better rupture identification, response, and mitigation of safety, greenhouse gas, and environmental justice impacts. **The effective date of this final rule is October 5, 2022.**

[Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Certification of Airmen for the Operation of Light-Sport Aircraft](#)

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Reference ASTM

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. This collection involves the submission of forms and other reporting and recordkeeping activities. The information to be collected is necessary to ensure compliance with regulations governing the manufacture and certification of light-sport aircraft, the training and

certification of light-sport pilots and instructors, and the certification of light-sport aircraft Designated Pilot Examiners. **Written comments should be submitted by June 6, 2022.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Automatic Commercial Ice Makers](#)

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Reference ASTM

On March 25, 2022, the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) published a notification of a webinar and availability of preliminary technical support document for automatic commercial ice makers (“ACIMs”). The document announced a public meeting webinar would be held on April 25, 2022. Additionally, on March 24, 2022, DOE received a request from the Hoshizaki America, Inc. to move the webinar date due to a conflict with an industry-wide conference. To accommodate this scheduling issue, DOE is moving the public meeting webinar for ACIMs to Thursday, May 5, 2022. **The public meeting webinar regarding the ACIM preliminary analysis, which was announced in the document published at 87 FR 17025 on March 25, 2022, will now be held on May 5, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

[Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2019-2020](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that producers and/or exporters subject to this administrative review made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the period of review (POR), September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020. **Applicable April 7, 2022.**

[Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Structural Safety of Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\) Facilities](#)

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Reference NFPA

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Construction and Facilities Management, is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Structural Safety of Department Facilities (“the Committee”). **Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on April 29, 2022.**

[Request for Nominations for Members To Serve on National Institute of Standards and Technology Federal Advisory Committees](#)

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Reference NIST

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST or Institute) invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to seven existing Federal Advisory Committees (Committees): Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction; Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board; Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board; National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee; and Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committees, in addition to nominations already received. Registered Federal lobbyists may not serve on NIST Federal Advisory Committees in an individual capacity. **Nominations for all Committees will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as and when vacancies arise.**

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NIST Generic Clearance for Program Evaluation Data Collections](#)

Published 4/5/2022

Reference NIST

The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB. **To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 6, 2022.**

[Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB](#)

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Reference NIST

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Procurement Solicitation Package (FR 1400; OMB No. 7100-0180).

[Considerations for Implementing the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health \(HITECH\) Act, as Amended](#)

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Reference NIST

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or the Department) is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to solicit public comment on certain provisions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, namely: The consideration of recognized security practices of covered entities and business associates when OCR makes determinations regarding fines, audits, and remedies to resolve potential violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Security Rule; and the distribution to harmed individuals of a percentage of civil money penalties (CMPs) or monetary settlements collected pursuant to the HITECH Act, which requires the Secretary of HHS (Secretary) to establish by regulation, and based upon recommendations from the Government Accountability Office (GAO), a methodology under which an individual who is harmed by an act that constitutes an offense under certain provisions of the HITECH Act or the Social Security Act relating to privacy or security may receive a percentage of any CMP or monetary settlement collected by OCR with respect to such offense. **Comments must be submitted on or before June 6, 2022.**
