

U.S. Federal Register Update: April 25 – April 29, 2022

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Testing Provisions for Air Emission Sources

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Reference ANSI, ASME, ASTM

This action proposes corrections and updates to regulations for source testing of emissions under various rules. This proposed rule includes corrections to inaccurate testing provisions, updates to outdated procedures, and approved alternative procedures that provide testers enhanced flexibility. The revisions will improve the quality of data but will not impose new substantive requirements on source owners or operators. **Comments must be received on or before June 27, 2022.**

South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company; South Texas Project Electric Generating Station Units 1 and 2; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

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Reference ANSI, ASME

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption in response to a request submitted by South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) on March 11, 2022, from meeting certain NRC regulatory requirements for one multipurpose canister (MPC), Serial Number 248 (MPC 248), in use at the South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 (STPEGS). This exemption permits STPNOC to continue using MPC 248 to store spent fuel for the service life of the canister, including transferring the MPC to a HI-STORM FW overpack, without volumetric examination data from radiographic testing for a 1-inch section of the repaired weld seam joining the baseplate to the canister shell. **This exemption was issued on April 25, 2022.**

Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Chevron Point Orient Wharf Removal

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from Chevron Products Company (Chevron) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to 2 years activity of vibratory pile removal associated with the Point Orient Wharf Removal in San Francisco Bay, California (CA). Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue two consecutive one-year incidental harassment authorizations (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 27, 2022.**

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Warm Air Furnaces

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Reference ANSI, ASHRAE

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including commercial warm air furnaces ("CWAFFs"). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") to periodically review standards. In this notification of proposed determination ("NOPD"), DOE has initially determined that it lacks clear and convincing evidence that amended energy conservation standards for CWAFFs would be economically justified. DOE requests comment on this proposed determination. **Meeting: DOE will hold a webinar on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. See section V, "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. Comments: Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before June 27, 2022.**

[Safety Standard for Baby Changing Products](#)

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Reference ASTM

In June 2018, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) published a consumer product safety standard for baby changing products under section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA). The standard incorporated by reference the 2018 ASTM International (ASTM) voluntary standard for baby changing products that was in effect at the time. The CPSIA sets forth a process for updating mandatory standards for durable infant or toddler products that are based on a voluntary standard, when a voluntary standards organization revises the standard. Consistent with the CPSIA update process, this direct final rule updates the mandatory standard for baby changing products to incorporate by reference ASTM's 2021 version of the voluntary standard. **The rule is effective on July 31, 2022, unless CPSC receives a significant adverse comment by May 26, 2022. If CPSC receives such a comment, it will publish a notification in the Federal Register, withdrawing this direct final rule before its effective date. The incorporation by reference of the publication listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of July 31, 2022.**

[Screening Framework Guidance for Providers and Users of Synthetic Oligonucleotides](#)

Published 4/29/2022

Reference IEC, ISO

The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response is issuing this revised guidance on a screening framework guidance for providers and users of synthetic oligonucleotides. The Revised Guidance sets forth recommended baseline standards for the gene and genome synthesis industry, as well as best practices for Institutions, Principal Users, End Users, and Third-Party Vendors of oligonucleotides, regarding screening orders and maintaining records consistent with current U.S. regulations. In addition, this Revised Guidance seeks to encourage best practices to address biosecurity concerns associated with the potential misuse of synthetic oligonucleotides to bypass existing regulatory controls and commit unlawful acts. **Dr. Mariam Lekveishvili; Division of Policy; Office of Strategy, Policy, Planning, and Requirements; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; phone: (202) 260-3586; email: Mariam.Lekveishvili@hhs.gov.**

[Alternative Personnel Management System \(APMS\) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology](#)

Published 4/28/2022

Reference NIST

This notice modifies the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Alternative Personnel Management System (APMS) published October 21, 1997 to allow NIST to implement a term appointment with a minimum duration of more than one year that may be extended up to six years, for research positions in the Scientific and Engineering (ZP) career path at the Pay Band III-level and above. These term appointments will be subject to a trial period that lasts the duration of the term (initial appointment including any subsequent extensions). This notice also modifies the APMS to allow NIST to convert an employee serving under a term appointment under this authority to a permanent appointment in the competitive service without further competition. **This notice is effective on April 28, 2022.**

[Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting](#)

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Reference NIST

The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee) will hold an open virtual meeting via web conference on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the Committee to review the activities of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda and any meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP website at <https://nehrp.gov/committees/meetings.htm>. **The ACEHR will meet on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

[Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request](#)

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Reference NIST

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each

proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden. **Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by May 25, 2022.**
