

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

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[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys in the Southeastern Gulf of Mexico](#)

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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 IHA to Scripps Institution of Oceanography (Scripps) to incidentally harass marine mammals during marine geophysical surveys in the southeastern Gulf of Mexico. **This authorization is effective from June 29, 2022 through June 28, 2023.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys off New Jersey by NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic Holdings, LLC](#)

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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 to NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic Holdings, LLC (NEETMA) to incidentally harass marine mammals during site characterization surveys off New Jersey. **This Authorization is effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

[Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Furnaces](#)

Published 7/7/2022

Reference ANSI, ASHRAE, NFPA, 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 consumer furnaces. EPCA also requires the Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") to periodically determine whether more-stringent, amended 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 non-weatherized gas furnaces and mobile home gas furnaces, and also announces a public meeting webinar to receive comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results. **Comments: DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this NOPR no later than September 6, 2022. See section VII, "Public Participation," of this document for details.**

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 August 22, 2022. DOE notes that the Department of Justice is required to transmit its determination regarding the competitive impact of the proposed standard to DOE no later than September 6, 2022. The determination and analysis by the Department of Justice will be published by DOE in the Federal Register. Commenters who want to have their comments considered by DOE as part of any future rulemaking resulting from this NOPR also should submit such comments to DOE in accordance with the procedures detailed in this proposed rulemaking. Meeting: DOE will hold a public meeting via webinar on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. See section VII, "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants.

[Improvements to Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements](#)

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Reference ANSI, IEEE

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) proposing reforms to its pro forma Large Generator Interconnection Procedures, pro forma Small Generator Interconnection Procedures, pro forma Large Generator Interconnection Agreement, and pro forma Small Generator Interconnection Agreement to address interconnection queue backlogs, improve certainty, and prevent undue discrimination for new technologies. The reforms are intended to ensure that the generator interconnection process is just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential. The Commission invites all interested persons to submit comments on the proposed

reforms, including proposed revisions to the pro forma interconnection procedures and agreements, and in response to specific questions. **Comments are due October 13, 2022 and Reply Comments are due November 14, 2022.**

Phosphor Copper From the Republic of Korea: Final Results of the First Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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Reference ASTM

As a result of this expedited sunset review, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on phosphor copper from the Republic of Korea (Korea) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at levels identified in the “Final Results of Sunset Review” section of this notice.

Applicable July 7, 2022.

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Conditions of Participation (CoPs) for Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH) and Critical Access Hospital CoP Updates

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Reference NFPA

This proposed rule would establish conditions of participation that Rural Emergency Hospitals (REH) must meet to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. These requirements are intended to ensure that a high quality of care is furnished by REHs. This proposed rule also includes changes to the requirements Critical Access Hospital would have to meet to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Proposed payment policies and enrollment policies for REHs will be developed under separate rulemaking. **To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below by August 29, 2022.**

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

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Reference NIST

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) uses this system to process and administer practical, experience-based conflict resolution training for individuals and groups in the federal, public, and private sectors. FMCS uses this system to register participants, provide accreditation information, and promote training and learning opportunities. **This system of records will be effective without further notice on August 8, 2022 unless otherwise revised pursuant to comments received. New routine uses will be effective on August 8, 2022. Comments must be received on or before August 8, 2022.**
