

U.S. Federal Register Update: December 2 – December 6, 2019

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[Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for External Power Supplies](#)

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Reference: ANSI, IEC, IEEE, UL

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is proposing to revise its test procedure for external power supplies ("EPS" or "EPSS"). DOE is proposing to add a definition for "commercial and industrial power supply" in its regulations to differentiate between EPSs and other non-consumer power supplies that are not subject to the test procedure. DOE also proposes to add a definition to address an adaptive EPS that conforms to the Universal Serial Bus Power Delivery ("USB-PD EPS") specifications and revise its procedure to address their testing in a manner more representative of their actual use. Further, the proposed revisions would provide more specific instructions for testing single-voltage EPSs that have multiple output busses. Lastly, DOE proposes to reorganize the test procedure to centralize definitions, consolidate generally applicable requirements, and better delineate requirements for single-voltage, multiple-voltage, and adaptive EPSs. DOE is seeking comment from interested parties on the proposal. Written comments, data, and information are requested and will be accepted no later than **February 4, 2020**. See section V, "Public Participation," for details.

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys Off of Delaware and Maryland](#)

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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 Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC (Skipjack) to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during marine site characterization surveys offshore of Delaware in the area of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0519) and along potential submarine cable routes to a landfall location in Delaware or Maryland. This authorization is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

[Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order and Countervailing Duty Order](#)

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Reference: ASTM

As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order and countervailing duty (CVD) order on circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe (WSPP) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping, countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the AD order and the CVD order. Applicable **December 6, 2019**.

[Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review](#)

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Reference: ASTM

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), may request, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213, that the Department of Commerce (Commerce) conduct an administrative review of that antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

All deadlines for the submission of comments or actions by Commerce discussed below refer to the number of calendar days from the applicable starting date.

[Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe From Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders](#)

Published: 12/03/2019

Reference: ASTM

As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on welded stainless steel pressure pipe (WSSPP) from Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the AD orders.

[Certain Steel Nails From the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order](#)

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Reference: ASTM

As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty order on certain steel nails (nails) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the antidumping duty order.

Applicable December 3, 2019.

[Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Beardless Chinchweed With Designation of Critical Habitat, and Threatened Species Status for Bartram's Stonecrop With Section 4\(d\) Rule](#)

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Reference: IEC

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), propose to list *Pectis imberbis* (beardless chinchweed), a plant species from southern Arizona and northern Mexico, as an endangered species and to designate critical habitat for Beardless chinchweed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. In total, we propose to designate approximately 10,604 acres (4,291 hectares) in southern Arizona as critical habitat for this plant. We also announce the availability of a draft economic analysis of the proposed designation of critical habitat for beardless chinchweed. Requests for a public hearing, in writing by **January 21, 2020**.

[Safety Zone for Fireworks Display; Spa Creek, Annapolis, MD](#)

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Reference: NFPA

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is denying a petition for rulemaking (PRM), PRM-50-109, dated September 25, 2014, submitted by the C-10 Research and Education Foundation (C-10 or the petitioner). The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to provide improved identification techniques for better protection against concrete degradation due to alkali-silica reaction (ASR) at U.S. nuclear power plants. The petitioner asserts that reliance on visual inspection will not adequately identify ASR, confirm ASR, or provide the current state of ASR damage without petrographic examination. The NRC is denying the petition because existing NRC regulations and NRC oversight activities provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety. Specifically, existing NRC regulations are sufficient to ensure that concrete degradation due to ASR will

not result in unacceptable reductions in the structural capacity of safety-related structures at nuclear power plants. **The docket for the petition for rulemaking PRM-50-109 is closed on November 26, 2019.**
