

U.S. Federal Register Update: January 20 – January 24, 2020

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[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Old Sitka Dock North Dolphins Expansion Project in Sitka, Alaska](#)

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Reference ANSI

NMFS has received a request from Halibut Point Marine Services, LLC (HPMS) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Old Sitka Dock North Dolphins Expansion Project in Sitka, Alaska. 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-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 February 21, 2020.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Construction Activities for the Statter Harbor Improvement Project](#)

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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 City of Juneau to incidentally harass, by Level A and Level B harassment only, marine mammals during construction activities associated with the Statter Harbor improvement project in Auke Bay, Alaska. **This authorization is effective from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.**

[Requirements for the Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel](#)

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Reference ASME

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is denying a petition for rulemaking (PRM), submitted by Raymond Lutz and Citizens Oversight, Inc. (the petitioners), dated January 2, 2018. The petitioners requested that the NRC amend its regulations regarding spent nuclear fuel storage systems to embrace the Hardened Extended-life Local Monitored Surface Storage (HELMs) approach and identified multiple revisions to accommodate such an approach. The NRC is denying the petition because the petitioners do not present information that supports the requested changes to the regulations or that provides substantial increase in the overall protection of occupational or public health and safety. The NRC's current regulations and oversight activities continue to provide for the adequate protection of public health and safety and to promote the common defense and security. **The docket for PRM-72-8 is closed on January 23, 2020.**

[Accreditation and Approval of Saybolt LP \(Texas City, TX\) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory](#)

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Reference ASTM

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Saybolt LP (Texas City, TX), has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of April 3, 2018. **Saybolt LP (Texas City, TX) was approved and accredited as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of April 3, 2018. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for April 2021.**

[Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine Standards](#)

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Reference ASTM, SAE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting pre-proposal comments on a rulemaking effort known as the Cleaner Trucks Initiative (CTI). This advance notice describes EPA's plans for a new rulemaking that would establish new emission standards for oxides of nitrogen (NOX) and other pollutants for highway heavy-duty engines. It also describes

opportunities to streamline and improve certification procedures to reduce costs for engine manufacturers. The EPA is seeking input on this effort from the public, including all interested stakeholders, to inform the development of a subsequent notice of proposed rulemaking. **Comments must be received on or before February 20, 2020.**

[Conforming the Acceptable Separation Distance \(ASD\) Standards for Residential Propane Tanks to Industry Standards](#)

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Reference ASTM, NFPA

This final rule reduces regulatory and cost burden on communities that may be restricted in their ability to site HUD-assisted projects, by allowing HUD-assisted projects near stationary aboveground propane storage tanks with a capacity of 1,000 gallons or less if the storage tanks comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 58 (2017). Based on consideration of public comments, HUD is adopting this 1,000-gallon limit in lieu of the 250-gallon limit contemplated in the proposed rule. This final rule incorporates by reference NFPA 58 (2017), a voluntary consensus standard for public safety that establishes safety standards used by the propane industry and operators regarding storage, handling, transportation, and use of propane. **The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 24, 2020.**

[Circular Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipe and Tube Products From Turkey: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018](#)

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The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that the single entity comprised of Borusan Mannesmann Boru Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. (Borusan Mannesmann) and Borusan Istikbal Ticaret T.A.S. (Borusan Istikbal) (collectively, Borusan) made sales of circular welded carbon steel standard pipe and tube products (welded pipe and tube) from Turkey at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR), May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. Commerce also determines that the single entity comprised of Toscelik Profil ve Sac Endustrisi A.S., Tosyali Dis Ticaret A.S., and Toscelik Metal Ticaret A.S. (Toscelik Metal) (collectively, Toscelik) did not make sales of welded pipe and tube from Turkey at less than NV during the POR. **Applicable January 22, 2020.**

[Arms Sales Notification](#)

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Reference SAE

The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.
