

U.S. Federal Register Update: February 3 – February 7, 2020

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[Electric Reliability Organization Proposal To Retire Requirements in Reliability Standards Under the NERC Standards Efficiency Review](#)

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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) proposes to approve the retirement of 74 Reliability Standard requirements. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization, submitted the proposed retirements for Commission approval. The Commission also proposes to remand one requirement submitted for retirement by NERC and seeks additional information from NERC on two requirements submitted for retirement. **Comments are due April 6, 2020.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Jordan Cove Energy Project, Coos Bay, Oregon](#)

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Reference ANSI

MFS has hereby issued an incidental harassment authorization to Jordan Cove Energy Project, LP (JCEP) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to pile driving associated with construction of the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal and ancillary projects. This project is being tracked on the Permitting Dashboard, which can be accessed at www.permits.performance.gov/permitting-projects/jordan-cove-lng-terminal-and-pacific-connector-gas-pipeline. **The IHA is effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.**

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

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Reference ASME

PHMSA is proposing to revise the Pipeline Safety Regulations applicable to newly constructed and entirely replaced onshore natural gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines to mitigate ruptures. Additionally, PHMSA is revising the regulations regarding rupture detection to shorten pipeline segment isolation times. These proposals address congressional mandates, incorporate recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board, and are necessary to reduce the consequences of large-volume, uncontrolled releases of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline ruptures. **Persons interested in submitting written comments on this NPRM must do so by April 6, 2020.**

[Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod From Taiwan: Antidumping Duty Order](#)

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Reference ASME, ASTM

Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing an antidumping duty order on carbon and alloy steel threaded rod from Taiwan. **Applicable February 5, 2020.**

[Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2020 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2021 and Other Changes](#)

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Reference ASTM

Under section 211 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to set renewable fuel percentage standards every year. This action establishes the annual percentage standards for cellulosic biofuel, biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel that apply to gasoline and diesel transportation fuel produced or imported in the year 2020. Relying on statutory waiver authority that is available when the projected cellulosic biofuel production volume is less than the applicable volume specified in the statute, EPA is establishing volume requirements for cellulosic biofuel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel that are below the statutory volume targets. We are also establishing the applicable volume of biomass-based diesel for 2021. In addition, we are finalizing changes to the percentage standard calculations to account for volumes of gasoline and diesel we project will be exempted from the

renewable volume obligations. Finally, this action finalizes several regulatory changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program including new pathways, flexibilities for regulated parties, and clarifications of existing regulations. **This final rule is effective on April 6, 2020.**

[Use of the 5.850-5.925 GHz Band](#)

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Reference ASTM, IEEE

In this document, the Commission's proposal to amend its rules for the 5.850-5.925 GHz (5.9 GHz) band. The proposal would permit unlicensed devices to operate in the lower 45-megahertz portion of the band at 5.850-5.895 GHz under part 15 of the Commission's rules. It would also permit Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) operations in the upper 30-megahertz portion of the band at 5.895-5.925 GHz under parts 90 and 95 of the Commission's rules. ITS operations would consist of Cellular Vehicle to Everything (C-V2X) devices at 5.905-5.925 GHz, and C-V2X and/or Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC) devices at 5.895-5.905 GHz. The document also asks whether alternate spectrum band approaches would better achieve the goal of maximizing the effective and efficient use of the 5.9 GHz band, including whether differently sized sub-bands or greater flexibility to introduce additional vehicular safety communications technologies into the band would be warranted. **Comments are due on or before March 9, 2020 and reply comments are due on or before April 6, 2020.**

[Pure Magnesium From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2018-2019](#)

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on pure magnesium from the People's Republic of China (China), covering the period May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. Commerce preliminarily determines that Tianjin Magnesium International, Co., Ltd. and Tianjin Magnesium Metal, Co., Ltd. (collectively TMI/TMM) did not have reviewable entries during the period of review (POR). We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. **Applicable February 5, 2020.**

[Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars \(Rebar\) From Mexico: Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of Antidumping Duty Order](#)

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Reference ASTM

As a result of this sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on steel concrete reinforcing bars (rebar) from Mexico would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Review" section of this notice. **Applicable February 5, 2020.**

[Petitions for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards](#)

Published 2/4/2020

Reference UL

This notice is a summary of a petition for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the parties listed below. **All comments on the petition must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before March 5, 2020.**
