U.S. Federal Register Update: March 23 – March 27, 2020

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Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Respirator Program Records
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Reference ANSI
The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection for Respirator Program Records. All comments must be received on or before May 26, 2020.

SGS North America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition and Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards
Published 3/24/2020
Reference ANSI, CSA, UL
In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for SGS North America, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). Additionally, OSHA announces the addition of three test standards to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards. The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on March 24, 2020.

Modification to the List of Appropriate NRTL Program Test Standards and the Scopes of Recognition of Several NRTLs
Published 3/24/2020
Reference ANSI, IEEE, NEMA, UL
In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to: (1) Add one new test standard to the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTL) Program’s list of appropriate test standards; (2) delete or replace several test standards from the NRTL Program’s list of appropriate test standards; and (3) update the scope of recognition of several NRTLs. The actions contained in this notice will become effective on March 24, 2020.

DEKRA Certification Inc.: Application for Recognition and Proposed Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards
Published 3/24/2020
Reference ANSI, AAMI, UL
In this notice, OSHA announces the application of DEKRA Certification, Inc., for recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency’s preliminary finding to grant this recognition. Additionally, OSHA proposes to modify the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards to add two additional test standards. Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before April 23, 2020.

Notice of Proposed Revisions to the National Handbook of Conservation Practices for the Natural Resources Conservation Service
Published 3/24/2020
Reference ASABE, ASTM
The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is giving notice that it intends to issue a series of revised conservation practice standards in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). NRCS is also giving the public an opportunity to provide comments on specified conservation practice standards in NHCP. We will consider comments that we receive by April 23, 2020.
Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Safety Defects; Examination, Correction, and Records
Published 3/25/2020
Reference ASME
The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection for Safety Defects; Examination, Correction, and Records. All comments must be received on or before May 26, 2020.

Hazardous Materials: Termination of M-Number and R-Number Approvals Issued Without an Expiration Date
Published 3/23/2020
Reference ASME
All R-number holders and holders of M-number approvals issued without an expiration date that did not show cause why their approvals should not be terminated, or did not apply for a modification of that approval to get a 5-year expiration time frame in response to the Federal Register Notice issued Friday, November 17, 2017, [Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0084; Notice No. 2017-03], are hereby notified that these approvals shall be terminated, 30 days from the publication of this Federal Register Notice.

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Municipal Solid Waste Landfills Residual Risk and Technology Review
Published 3/26/2020
Reference ASTM
This action finalizes the residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfills source category regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP). In addition, we are taking final action to correct and clarify regulatory provisions related to emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM); revise wellhead operational standards and corrective action to improve effectiveness and provide compliance flexibility; reorganize rule text to incorporate provisions from the new source performance standards (NSPS) within this subpart; and add requirements for electronic reporting of performance test results. The EPA is also finalizing minor changes to the MSW Landfills NSPS and Emission Guidelines (EG) and Compliance Times for MSW Landfills. Specifically, the EPA is finalizing provisions to the most recent MSW Landfills NSPS and EG that would allow affected sources to demonstrate compliance with landfill gas control, operating, monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements by following the corresponding requirements in the MSW Landfills NESHAP. These final amendments will result in improved compliance and implementation of the rule. This final rule is effective on March 26, 2020. The incorporation by reference (IBR) of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 26, 2020.

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization
Published 3/26/2020
Reference ISO
Take notice that on March 11, 2020, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.210 of the Commission’s regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and ARN’s blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-480-000. ANR request authorization to increase the certificated horsepower (HP) at the Grand Chenier Compressor Station located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana (Grand Chenier Horsepower Increase Project). The project will allow the increase of the certificated ISO rated HP from 9,700 to 10,800. ANR avers that there are no additional facility installation, or modifications to the previously installed facilities required to facilitate the HP increase, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.gov using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERConlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Validating the Integrity of Computing Devices Building Block
Published 3/26/2020
Reference NIST
The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites organizations to provide products and technical expertise to support and demonstrate security platforms for the Validating the Integrity of Computing Devices project. This notice is the initial step for the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) in collaborating with technology companies to address cybersecurity challenges identified under the Validating the Integrity of Computing Devices project. Participation in the building block is open to all interested organizations. **Collaborative activities will commence as soon as enough completed and signed letters of interest have been returned to address all the necessary components and capabilities, but no earlier than April 27, 2020.**

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**Proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 Requirements; Request for Public Comment**  
**Published** 3/24/2020  
**Reference** NIST  
In accordance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is publishing the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 (VVSG 2.0) Requirements for public comment. Aligned with the VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines, the VVSG 2.0 Requirements represent the requirements to which a voting system is tested to obtain certification under the EAC Testing and Certification Program. **Comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. EST on June 22, 2020.**

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**Proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 Requirements; Correction**  
**Published** 3/27/2020  
**Reference** NIST  
The U.S. Election Assistance Commission published a document in the Federal Register on March 24, 2020, Proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 Requirements; Request for Public Comment: Correction in the Supplementary Information.

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**Public Hearing: Introduction and Foundation of VVSG 2.0 Requirements**  
**Published** 3/25/2020  
**Reference** NIST  
Commissioners will hold a hearing to discuss the proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 Requirements as submitted by the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC). The VVSG 2.0 Requirements are currently published for a 90-day public comment period. Commissioners will hear from a panel of experts who will provide an introduction to the VVSG process as well a high-level overview of the proposed VVSG 2.0 requirements. Commissioners will also hear from members of the public who wish to offer verbal testimony on the VVSG 2.0 requirements. Public testimony during the hearing will be limited to 3-5 minutes maximum per person. If you would like to participate in public testimony, please contact Jerome Lovato (jlovato@eac.gov) with your full name and phone number no later than 9:50 a.m. Eastern Time on March 27, 2020. For dial-in users, you will be identified by your area code and the last three digits of your phone number, so please provide the phone number that you will use during the hearing. **Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Eastern.**