

## U.S. Federal Register Update: March 2 – March 6, 2020

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### [HEADStandards for Hearing Aid-Compatible Handsets](#)

**Published** 3/6/2020

**Reference** ANSI, IEEE

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") proposes to adopt a new hearing aid compatibility technical standard and make related implementation revisions. **Interested parties may file comments on or before April 6, 2020, and reply comments on or April 20, 2020.**

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### [Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Ward Cove Cruise Ship Dock Project, Juneau, Alaska](#)

**Published** 3/3/2020

**Reference** ANSI

NMFS has received a request from Power Systems & Supplies of Alaska (PSSA) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to Ward Cove Cruise Ship Dock Project near Ketchikan, 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 April 2, 2020.**

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### [Power Reactors in Extended Shutdowns](#)

**Published** 3/3/2020

**Reference** ASME

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is denying a petition for rulemaking dated September 1, 2016, submitted by Mr. David Lochbaum on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists and two co-petitioners (the petitioners). The petition was docketed by the NRC on September 14, 2016, and was assigned Docket No. PRM-50-114. The petitioners requested that the NRC amend its regulations to "promulgate regulations applicable to nuclear power reactors with operating licenses issued by the NRC but in an extended outage." The NRC is denying the petition because the NRC already has regulatory processes in place to address the issues identified in the petition. **The docket for the petition for rulemaking, PRM-50-114, is closed on March 3, 2020.**

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### [Notice of Scope Rulings](#)

**Published** 3/3/2020

**Reference** ASME, ASTM, ISO

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) hereby publishes a list of scope rulings and anti-circumvention determinations made during the period October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. We intend to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter. **Applicable March 3, 2020.**

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### [Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of CCR; A Holistic Approach to Closure Part B: Alternate Demonstration for Unlined Surface Impoundments; Implementation of Closure](#)

**Published** 3/3/2020

**Reference** ASTM

On April 17, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) promulgated national minimum criteria for existing and new coal combustion residuals (CCR) landfills and existing and new CCR surface impoundments pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), as amended. In this action, EPA is proposing procedures to allow facilities to request approval to operate with an alternate liner for existing CCR surface impoundments, two co-proposed options to allow the use of CCR during unit closure, an additional closure option for CCR units being closed by removal of CCR, and requirements for annual closure progress reports. Regarding the options to allow the use of CCR during unit

closure, this action serves as a supplemental proposal to a proposed rule issued on March 15, 2018. In that March 2018 proposal, the Agency proposed to allow the continued placement of CCR in units triggered for closure to construct final cover systems provided certain conditions were met. **Comments must be received on or before April 17, 2020. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), comments on the information collection provisions are best assured of consideration if the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) receives a copy of your comments on or before April 2, 2020. Public Hearing. EPA will hold a public hearing on April 9, 2020. Please refer to the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for additional information on the public hearing.**

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**[Circular Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipe and Tube Products From Turkey: Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017-2018](#)**

**Published** 3/5/2020

**Reference** ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is amending its final results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded carbon steel standard pipe and tube products (pipes and tubes) from Turkey. The period of review (POR) is May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. The amended final weighted-average dumping margins are listed below in the section entitled "Amended Final Results." **Applicable March 5, 2020.**

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**[Request for Public Comment on Draft Desirable Characteristics of Repositories for Managing and Sharing Data Resulting From Federally Funded Research](#)**

**Published** 3/5/2020

**Reference** ISO, NIST

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy is seeking public comments on a draft set of desirable characteristics of data repositories used to locate, manage, share, and use data resulting from Federally funded research. The purpose of this effort is to identify and help Federal agencies provide more consistent information on desirable characteristics of data repositories for data subject to agency Public Access Plans and data management and sharing policies, whether those repositories are operated by government or non-governmental entities. Optimization and improved consistency in agency-provided information for data repositories is expected to reduce the burden for researchers. Feedback obtained through this Request for Comments (RFC) will help to inform coordinated agency action. **The comment period for the request for information published 01/ 17/2020 at 85 FR 3085, is extended. Comments will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. ET on March 17, 2020.**

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**[Final Policy: Centers of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education Designation Program Guidance; Information Collection Request for Comments](#)**

**Published** 3/6/2020

**Reference** ISO

This notice serves to inform interested parties and the public of the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) new program designating eligible and qualified training entities as Centers of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE). The National Defense Authorization Act of 2018 (the Act), provided the Secretary of Transportation with the discretionary authority to designate eligible and qualified entities as CoEs. CoE designations will serve to assist the maritime industry in obtaining and maintaining the highest quality workforce. On July 19, 2019, the agency published a notice in the Federal Register seeking public comments on a draft policy under which designations would be carried out. Below, MARAD provides its responses to all comments received. The agency is now announcing its voluntary program to identify and recommend qualified training providers for CoE designation. **This policy will become effective once the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approves a current information collection control number. Comments regarding the information collection should be submitted following guidance in the ADDRESSES section immediately below on or before April 6, 2020. (See also Paperwork Reduction Act section.)**

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**[Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NIST-366A Form](#)**

**Published** 3/6/2020

**Reference** NIST

The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. **Written comments must be submitted on or before May 5, 2020.**

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[Special Conditions: The Boeing Company Model 777-300ER Series Airplanes; Dynamic Test Requirements for Single-Occupant Oblique Seats With Pretensioner Restraint Systems](#)

**Published** 3/2/2020

**Reference** SAE

This action proposes special conditions for Boeing Model 777-300ER series airplanes. These airplanes will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes. This design feature is single-occupant, oblique seats equipped with pretensioner restraint systems. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These proposed special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards. **Send comments on or before April 16, 2020.**

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[Special Conditions: The Boeing Company Model 787-10 Series Airplanes; Dynamic Test Requirements for Single-Occupant Oblique Seats With Pretensioner Restraint Systems](#)

**Published** 3/2/2020

**Reference** SAE

This action proposes special conditions for The Boeing Company (Boeing) Model 787-10 series airplanes. These airplanes will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes. This design feature is single-occupant oblique seats equipped with pretensioner restraint systems. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These proposed special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards. **Send comments on or before April 16, 2020.**

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[SGS North America, Inc.: Applications for Expansion of Recognition and Proposed Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards](#)

**Published** 3/5/2020

**Reference** UL

In this notice, OSHA announces the applications of SGS North America, Inc., for expansion of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the applications. Additionally, OSHA proposes to add four test standards to the NRTL Program's list of appropriate 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 March 20, 2020.**

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