

U.S. Federal Register Update: August 26 – August 30, 2019

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[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request-Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act; Compliance Form](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announces a submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), requesting an extension of approval for a collection regarding a form used to verify whether pools and spas are in compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act. In the Federal Register of June 14, 2019, the CPSC published a notice to announce the agency's intention to seek extension of approval of the collection of information. CPSC received one comment, and that comment supported the information collection. Therefore, by publication of this notice, CPSC announces that it has submitted to the OMB a request for extension of approval of that collection of information, without change. **Written comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by September 30, 2019.**

[Respirable Silica \(Quartz\)](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASSP, ISO

Metal and nonmetal (MNM) miners and coal miners exposed to silica (quartz) in respirable dust can develop various forms of pneumoconiosis that are irreversible, life limiting, and may lead to death. MSHA's existing standards limit miners' exposures to quartz in respirable dust. In this Request for Information (RFI), MSHA solicits information and data on feasible, best practices to protect miners' health from exposure to quartz in respirable dust, including an examination of an appropriately reduced permissible exposure limit, potential new or developing protective technologies, and/or technical and educational assistance. **Comments must be received or postmarked by midnight (12 a.m.) Eastern Daylight Savings Time on October 28, 2019.**

[Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the King Pile Markers Project on the Columbia River](#)

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Reference ANSI, ISO

NMFS has received a request from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the King Pile Markers Project on the Columbia River in Washington and Oregon 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 September 26, 2019.**

[Salini-Impregilo/Healy Joint Venture; Application for Permanent Variance and Interim Order; Grant of Interim Order; Request for Comments](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASME

In this notice, OSHA announces the application of Salini-Impregilo/Healy Joint Venture for a Permanent Variance and Interim Order from provisions of OSHA standards that regulate work in compressed air environments and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the Permanent Variance. OSHA also announces the granting of an Interim Order. OSHA invites the public to submit comments on the variance application to assist the agency in determining whether to grant the applicant a Permanent Variance based on the conditions specified in this application. Submit comments, information, documents in response to this notice, and request for a hearing on or before September 26, 2019. The Interim Order described in this notice will become effective on August 27, 2019, and shall remain in effect until the completion of the Northeast Boundary Tunnel project for Washington, DC or the Interim Order is modified or revoked.

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Washers

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Reference ANSI

The U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) is extending the public comment period for its request for information (“RFI”) to solicit information from the public to help DOE determine whether to amend standards for residential clothes washers (“RCWs”). DOE published the RFI in the Federal Register on August 2, 2019 establishing a 30-day public comment period ending September 3, 2019. On August 2, 2019, DOE received a comment requesting a 30 day comment period extension; therefore, DOE is extending the public comment period for submitting comments and data on the RFI by 30 days to October 3, 2019. **Written comments and information will be accepted on or before September 3, 2019.**

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Dishwasher, Grant of Petition for Rulemaking

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Reference ANSI

The U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) is extending the public comment period for its grant of a petition for rulemaking and a proposed rule to establish a new product class for dishwashers. DOE published the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) in the Federal Register on July 16, 2019 establishing a 60-day public comment period ending September 16, 2019. On August 9, 2019, DOE received a comment requesting a 60 day comment period extension. DOE is extending the public comment period for submitting comments and data on the NPR by 30 days to October 16, 2019. **The comment period for the proposed rulemaking published on July 16, 2019 (84 FR 33869), is extended. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this rulemaking received no later than October 16, 2019.**

Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod From China, India, Taiwan, and Thailand; Scheduling of the Final Phase of Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duty Investigations

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Reference ASME, ASTM

The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping and countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-618-619 and 731-TA-1441-1444 (Final) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”) to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports of carbon and alloy steel threaded rod from China, India, Taiwan, and Thailand, provided for in subheading 7318.15.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, preliminarily determined by the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) to be subsidized and sold at less-than-fair-value.

Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe From the United Arab Emirates: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016-2017

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Reference ASTM

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that producers and/or exporters subject to this administrative review made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the period of review (POR) June 8, 2016 through November 30, 2017. **Applicable August 27, 2019.**

Request for Nominations for Voting Members on Public Advisory Panels or Committees; Device Good Manufacturing Practice Advisory Committee and the Medical Devices Advisory Committee

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Reference ISO

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for voting members to serve on the Device Good Manufacturing Practice Advisory Committee (DGMPAC) and the Medical Devices Advisory Committee (MDAC) device panels in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health. This annual notice is also in accordance with the 21st Century Cures Act, which requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to provide an annual opportunity for patients, representatives of patients, and sponsors of medical devices that may be specifically the subject of a review by a classification panel to provide recommendations for individuals with appropriate expertise to fill voting member positions on classification panels.

FDA seeks to include the views of women and men, members of all racial and ethnic groups, and individuals with and without disabilities on its advisory committees, and therefore, encourages nominations of appropriately qualified candidates from these groups. **Nominations received on or before October 29, 2019 will be given first consideration for membership on the DGMPAC and Panels of the MDAC. Nominations received after October 29, 2019 will be considered for nomination to the committee as later vacancies occur.**

Laminated Woven Sacks From the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

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Reference ISO

As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on laminated woven sacks (woven sacks) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and countervailable subsidies, as well as material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the AD and CVD orders. **Applicable August 28, 2019.**

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

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Reference NFPA

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, from July 30, 2019 to August 12, 2019. The last biweekly notice was published on August 13, 2019. **Comments must be filed by September 30, 2019. A request for a hearing must be filed by October 28, 2019.**

Notice of Scope Rulings

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Reference UL

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) hereby publishes a list of scope rulings and anti-circumvention determinations made between July 1, 2018, and September 30, 2018, inclusive. We intend to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter. **Applicable August 27, 2019.**
