

U.S. Federal Register Update: October 3 – October 7, 2016

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[Additional PortaCount® Quantitative Fit-Testing Protocols: Amendment to Respiratory Protection Standard](#)

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Reference ANSI

OSHA is proposing to add two modified PortaCount® quantitative fit-testing protocols to its Respiratory Protection Standard. The proposed protocols would apply to employers in general industry, shipyard employment, and the construction industry. Both proposed protocols are variations of the existing OSHA-accepted PortaCount® protocol, but differ from it by the exercise sets, exercise duration, and sampling sequence. If approved, the modified PortaCount® protocols would be alternatives to the existing quantitative fit-testing protocols already listed in an appendix of the Respiratory Protection Standard. In addition, OSHA is proposing to amend an appendix to clarify that PortaCount® fit test devices equipped with the N95-Companion™ Technology are covered by the approved PortaCount® protocols. **Submit comments to this proposal, including comments to the information collection (paperwork) requirements, by December 6, 2016.**

[Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

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Reference ANSI

This final rule will revise the requirements that Long-Term Care facilities must meet to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. These changes are necessary to reflect the substantial advances that have been made over the past several years in the theory and practice of service delivery and safety. These revisions are also an integral part of our efforts to achieve broad-based improvements both in the quality of health care furnished through federal programs, and in patient safety, while at the same time reducing procedural burdens on providers.

[Standards Improvement Project-Phase IV](#)

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Reference ANSI, ASSE, ISO, SAE

In response to the President's Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulations and Regulatory Review," the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is continuing its efforts to remove or revise outdated, duplicative, unnecessary, and inconsistent requirements in its safety and health standards. The current review, the fourth in this ongoing effort, is called Standards Improvement Project-Phase IV (SIP-IV). The goal of the proposed rulemaking is to reduce regulatory burden while maintaining or enhancing employees' safety and health. SIP-IV focuses primarily on OSHA's construction standards. **Submit comments and hearing requests by December 5, 2016. All submissions must bear a postmark or provide other evidence of the submission date.**

[Uniform National Discharge Standards for Vessels of the Armed Forces-Phase II Batch Two](#)

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Reference ASTM, ISO

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) propose discharge performance standards for 11 discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel of the Armed Forces into the navigable waters of the United States, the territorial seas, and the contiguous zone. When implemented, the proposed discharge performance standards would reduce the adverse environmental impacts associated with the vessel discharges, stimulate the development of improved vessel pollution control devices, and advance the development of environmentally sound vessels of the Armed Forces. The 11 discharges addressed by the proposed rule are the following: catapult water brake tank and post-launch retraction exhaust, controllable pitch propeller hydraulic fluid, deck runoff, firemain systems, graywater, hull coating leachate, motor gasoline and compensating discharge, sonar dome discharge, submarine bilgewater, surface vessel bilgewater/oil-water separator effluent, and underwater ship husbandry. **Comments must be received on or before December 6, 2016.**

[Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews](#)

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Every five years, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), the Department of Commerce (“the Department”) and the International Trade Commission automatically initiate and conduct a review to determine whether revocation of a countervailing or antidumping duty order or termination of an investigation suspended under section 704 or 734 of the Act would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping or a countervailable subsidy (as the case may be) and of material injury.

[Notice of Centennial Challenges 3D-Printed Habitat Structural Member Challenge](#)

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This notice is issued in accordance with 51 U.S.C. 20144(c). The 3D-Printed Habitat Challenge (3DP), Structural Member Competition is open and teams that wish to compete may now register. Centennial Challenges is a program of prize competitions to stimulate innovation in technologies of interest and value to NASA and the nation. The 3D-Printed Habitat Challenge Phase 2 Structural Member is a prize competition with a \$1,100,000 total prize purse to develop the fundamental technologies necessary to manufacture an off-world habitat using Start Printed Page 69872 mission recycled materials and/or local indigenous materials. **Challenge registration opens October 7, 2016, and will remain open until January 31, 2017.**
