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What’s New?

*What’s New?* is a weekly electronic newsletter produced and distributed free of charge to the members and constituents of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). For a complete listing of ANSI news and events, please visit our website, [ANSI Online](http://www.ansi.org/?&source=whatsnew010312). [>>>](http://www.ansi.org/membership/overview/overview.aspx?&source=whatsnew010312)

HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…

[**ANSI and IREC Announce Pilot Accreditation Program for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3110&source=whatsnew010312)

ANSI and the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) invite certificate-awarding entities that develop and administer energy efficiency and renewable energy programs to apply for participation in a pilot accreditation program. Applications will be accepted through **January 17, 2012**.
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**U.S. TAGs to ISO Must Submit 2011 Annual Reports by January 31, 2012**

ANSI wishes to remind administrators of ANSI-Accredited U.S. Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) to the International Organization for Standardization that 2011 TAG Annual Reports are due no later than **January 31, 2012**.
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[**NSF and UL to Partner on American National Standard for Product Emissions**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3109&source=whatsnew010312)

NSF International and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) have announced an agreement to partner on a health-based American National Standard for volatile organic emissions from building products and interior furnishing products.
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[**This New Year, Standards Help You Pave Your Road with More Than Just Good Intentions**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3107&source=whatsnew010312)

ANSI and the greater voluntary standards and conformity assessment community offer solutions that can give you a helpful boost in turning your 2012 goals into reality.
[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3107&source=whatsnew010312)

[**ANSI Welcomes New Members**](http://www.ansi.org/?admin=1&articleid=3101&source=whatsnew010312)

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) proudly welcomed seventeen new members in December 2011.
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[**Did You Know?**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3108&source=whatsnew010312)

*Did You Know?* offers a quick look at the broad scope of activities underway within the ANSI Federation, highlighting the people and initiatives making waves in standardization. In this issue: **USGBC** Recognizes New York City and San Francisco at UN Climate Change Conference; **NFPA** Teams with USFA for ‘Put a Freeze on Winter Fires’ Campaign; **SES** Webinar on January 18th to Highlight CANENA; **AWS** Submits Revisions to Operating Procedures.

SOCIAL MEDIA

ANSI actively participates in a number of social media websites, making pertinent information about events and initiatives readily accessible and providing a place of discussion for the U.S. standardization community.

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PUBLIC POLICY

*Federal Register* notices of potential interest …

[Standards and Trade Related Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, December 27, 2011 – January 3, 2012](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2012/01%2003%2012.pdf?&source=whatsnew010312" \o "http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2009/08%2021%202009.doc?&source=whatsnew082409 http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Regist)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, November 1 – December 27, 2011](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?&source=whatsnew010312)

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[***Standards Action – December 30, 2011***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2011%20PDFs/SAV4252.pdf?&source=whatsnew010312)The latest issue of ANSI’s key public review vehicle.

[***United States Standards Strategy* (USSS) *– Third Edition***](http://ansidotorg.blogspot.com/?&source=whatsnew010312)
The *United States Standards Strategy* provides a framework that can be used by all interested parties to further advance trade issues, and a vision for the future of the U.S. standards system in today’s globally competitive economy.[***2010-2011 Annual Report***](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?&source=whatsnew010312)
This year's annual report, *Standardization – Paving the Road to Innovation*, describes how ANSI and its Federation of members have continued to use the power of collaboration to develop solutions for economic growth, innovation, and global priorities, fortifying the U.S. marketplace position in the global economy through standards-based solutions to national and global priorities.

Check out our other[publications](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/periodicals/overview.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew010312)and[documents of interest](http://publicsp.ansi.org:8080/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2011/NCRPNotices%2012-12-11.pdf?menuid=7&source=whatsnew010312).

CALENDAR

Please check the [Events Section](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/events.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew010312) of ANSI Online regularly for updated and new event information.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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[**New on StandardsLearn.org: Standardization Case Studies**](http://www.standardslearn.org/standardization_case_studies.aspx?&source=whatsnew010312)

From radiation detection to quality drinking water, a wide variety of topics are addressed by these case studies, where standardization – either the concept or actual practice – helped in the resolution of real-world problems. Instructors can use these case studies as a vehicle to stimulate class discussion of standardization in their discipline, along with the economic and/or operational consequences of addressing or not addressing the issues or needs.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a service to our members and constituents in the U.S. standards and conformity assessment community, ANSI provides an [online network](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Activities/NSSC/USSS_Third_edition/USSS%202010-sm.pdf?menuid=13&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew010312) connecting the most progressive companies with the most qualified career-minded individuals.

Openings are frequently available in ANSI’s New York and Washington, DC, offices. For more information or to submit your qualifications, visit the [Career Opportunities Section](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew010312) of ANSI Online.

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Learn more about this issue’s featured package:

[**BS EN ISO 14971 / BS EN ISO 11607 - Medical Devices Package**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/ther_doc.aspx?sku=BS+EN+ISO+14971+/+BS+EN+ISO+11607+-+Medical+Devices+Package&source=whatsnew010312)
This package provides requirements and test methods for packaging intended to maintain the sterility of terminally sterilized medical devices until the point of use. It also provides requirements for the development and validation of processes including forming, sealing, and assembly of packaging used for sterilized medical devices.

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