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What’s New?

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HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…

[**ANSI President Testifies before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on Role of Voluntary Consensus Standards in Promoting Competition and Economic Growth**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3168&source=whatsnew030512)

S. Joe Bhatia testified at a February 29 Congressional hearing on the role of standards in promoting competition and economic growth. Mr. Bhatia was one of five witnesses giving testimony on the principles of effective domestic and international standards development processes.
[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3168&source=whatsnew030512)

[**New Report Calls for Enhanced Security to Safeguard Protected Health Information**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3173&source=whatsnew030512)

With the release today of *The Financial Impact of Breached Protected Health Information: A Business Case for Enhanced PHI Security*, health care organizations now have a new method to evaluate the “at risk” value of protected health information (PHI) that will enable them to make a business case for appropriate investments to better protect PHI. The free report is now available at [webstore.ansi.org/phi](http://webstore.ansi.org/phi).
[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3173&source=whatsnew030512)

[**Input Sought on *Federal Register* Notice on Incorporation by Reference**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3165&source=whatsnew030512)

A recent *Federal Register* notice called for public comment on a petition to amend the National Archives and Records Administration’s regulations governing the approval of agency requests to incorporate by reference materials into the Code of Federal Regulations. Through **March 8**, ANSI members are invited to submit comments to ANSI that will be used to develop a consensus response on behalf of the standardization community.
[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3165&source=whatsnew030512)

[**ANSI to Offer Free Education Courses for Eligible Constituents in 2012**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3166&source=whatsnew030512)

To facilitate and advance U.S. participation in international standardization activities, ANSI will offer two education courses **free of charge** for eligible constituents in 2012. Depending on the date, the courses will be offered either as **in-person workshops** or via **webinar**.
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[**ANSI Welcomes New Members**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3164&source=whatsnew030512)

ANSI proudly welcomed nineteen new members in February 2012.
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[**Did You Know?**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3167&source=whatsnew030512)

*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: New **ASHRAE** Tool Guides 50-Percent Energy Savings for Retail Stores;New **AWWA** Report Highlights Cost of Repair, Expansion of U.S. Water Infrastructure; New **JTC 1** Incubator Group on Digital Preservation Seeks Members; **FamilyFarms** Applies for Accreditation as an ANSI ASD.

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.

Check us out on …

                   

PUBLIC POLICY

*Federal Register* notices of potential interest …

[Standards and Trade Related Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, February 28 – March 5, 2012](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2012/03%2005%2012.pdf?&source=whatsnew030512" \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, January 1, 2012 – February 13, 201](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2012/NCRPNotices%2002%2013%2012.pdf?&source=whatsnew030512)2

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[***Standards Action* – March 2, 2012**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2012_PDFs/SAV4309.pdf?&source=whatsnew030512)The latest issue of ANSI’s key public review vehicle.

[***United States Standards Strategy* (USSS) *– Third Edition***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Activities/NSSC/USSS_Third_edition/USSS%202010-sm.pdf?&source=whatsnew030512)
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***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/Annual%20Report%20Archive/ANSI_2010_11_AnnualReport.pdf?&source=whatsnew030512)
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=whatsnew030512)and[documents of interest](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/ther_doc.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew030512).

CALENDAR

Please check the [Events Section](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/events.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew030512) of ANSI Online regularly for updated and new event information.

[**ANSI Nuclear Energy Standards Coordination Collaborative (NESCC) Meeting**](https://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/events/2012/Nuclear0312.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew030512)March 12, 2012
Gaithersburg, MD

[**ANSI Spring Member Forum Meetings**](https://eseries.ansi.org/source/Events/Event.cfm?EVENT=MFMTG_0312&source=whatsnew030512)March 20-21, 2012
Arlington, VA

[**World Standards Week 2012**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/WSW12/wsw.aspx?menuid=8source=whatsnew030512)October 9-12, 2012
Washington, DC

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Please check the [Education and Training](http://www.ansi.org/education_trainings/overview.aspx?menuid=9?&source=whatsnew030512) page of ANSI Online regularly for listings of upcoming courses.

Visit[StandardsLearn.org](http://www.standardslearn.org/?&source=whatsnew030512), the premier online source for standards and conformity assessment education, for easy-to-use educational tools that address the full range of standards activities. All of the courses and resources are free and provided by ANSI as a public service.

[**New on StandardsLearn.org: Standardization Case Studies**](http://www.standardslearn.org/standardization_case_studies.aspx?&source=whatsnew030512)

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://www.ansi.org/career_opportunities/positions_available/position_available.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew030512) 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](http://www.ansi.org/career_opportunities/positions_available/position_available.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew030512) of ANSI Online.

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