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What’s New?

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HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…

[**ANSI to Host Exploratory Meeting for Energy Efficiency Standards Panel to Support Clean Energy Economy**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3196&source=whatsnew032612)

On April 25, ANSI will host an exploratory meeting to examine the need for an Energy Efficiency Standards Panel to develop a standardization roadmap for energy efficiency initiatives in the United States. The meeting will help define the scope and areas of focus for a potential standards panel in this area vis-à-vis the standards, codes, and conformance programs needed to advance the nation’s energy efficiency agenda.
[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3196&source=whatsnew032612)

[**Closing the U.S. Skills Gap: ANSI Joint Member Forum Focuses on Building Economic Growth through a Quality Workforce**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3198&source=whatsnew032612)

Closing the U.S. skills gap formed the heart of discussions at ANSI’s March 20th Joint Member Forum. The meeting focused on the range of activities underway aimed at helping the nation meet President Obama’s goal of doubling the credentials of the American workforce by 2020, enhancing the credentialing of personnel, and supporting secondary and postsecondary career pathways.
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[**ANSI Launches First Student Paper Competition**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3190&source=whatsnew032612)

In an effort to raise awareness of the strategic importance of standards and conformance among students at the university level, ANSI, in conjunction with its Committee on Education, is pleased to announce its first student paper competition on the theme, *How Standards Facilitate Innovation and Benefit Society Entries*. Entries are due by **August, 1, 2012**.
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[**Extended Deadline! Public Comment Period on Federal Register Notice on Incorporation by Reference Open through June 1**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3193&source=whatsnew032612)

The Office of the Federal Register has announced the extension of a public comment period on a petition filed by a group of academics 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. The comment period is now open through **June 1, 2012**.
[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3193&source=whatsnew032612)

[**Webinar Highlights Key Findings from *The* *Financial* *Impact* *of* *Breached* *Protected* *Health* *Information***](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3194&source=whatsnew032612)

More than 160 participants tuned in on March 21 for a webinar introducing the recently released report, *The Financial Impact of Breached Protected Health Information: A Business Case for Enhanced PHI Security*. The actionable report – which provides health care organizations with a method to assess security risks and build a business case to better secure protected health information – has been downloaded by more than 2,300 users since its March 5 release.
[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3194&source=whatsnew032612)

[**U.S. to Celebrate World Standards Day 2012 with a Focus on How Standards Increase Efficiency**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3191&source=whatsnew032612)

This year, the U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day – *Standards Increase Efficiency* – will recognize the crucial role of standards, codes, and conformance activities in driving more efficient processes, services, systems, and built environments worldwide. The U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day will be held on October 11, 2012, in Washington, DC.
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[**Paper Competition Announced for U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day 2012**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3192&source=whatsnew032612)

The theme for the World Standard Day 2012 paper competition, “Standards Increase Efficiency,” recognizes that standards and codes help to measure, compare, and increase efficiency and reduce waste in all forms. Papers are due by **August 10, 2012**.
[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3192&source=whatsnew032612)

[**People on the Move**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3195&source=whatsnew032612)

*People on the Move* spotlights trailblazers in standardization, highlighting their latest achievements, advancements, and contributions to the standards community. In this issue: **Jennifer McNelly**.

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, March 20 – 26, 2012](http://publicsp.ansi.org:8080/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2012/03%2026%2012.pdf?&source=whatsnew032612" \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, 2012](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2012/NCRPNotices%2002%2013%2012.pdf?&source=whatsnew032612)

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[***Standards Action* – March 23, 2012**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2012_PDFs/SAV4312.pdf?&source=whatsnew032612)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=whatsnew032612)
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=whatsnew032612)
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=whatsnew032612)and[documents of interest](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/ther_doc.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew032612).

CALENDAR

Please check the [Events Section](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/events.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew032612) of ANSI Online regularly for updated and new event information.

[**Public Meeting: New Developments in China on Social Responsibility**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3181&source=whatsnew032612)April 2, 2012
Washington, DC

[**Exploratory Meeting: ANSI Energy Efficiency Standards Panel**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3196&source=whatsnew032612)April 25, 2012
Washington, DC, Metro area

[**World Standards Week 2012**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/WSW12/wsw.aspx?menuid=8source=whatsnew032612)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=whatsnew032612) page of ANSI Online regularly for listings of upcoming courses.

Visit[StandardsLearn.org](http://www.standardslearn.org/?&source=whatsnew032612), 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=whatsnew032612)

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=whatsnew032612) 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=whatsnew032612) of ANSI Online.

STORE

Buying standards? Check out the [eStandards Store](http://webstore.ansi.org/?&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew032612) (eSS)…

Learn more about this issue’s featured package:

[**High-Voltage Switchgear and Control Gear Package: IEC 62271-SER Ed. 1.0 b:2012**](http://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=IEC+62271-SER+Ed.+1.0+b%3a2012&source=whatsnew032612)
This package contains more than 15 high-voltage standards. They provide guidelines for synthetic testing, circuit-breakers, high/low voltage, circuit reclosers, dimensional standardization of terminals, digital interfaces, and various standards on switches.

For information about the inventory of thousands of documents available from the [eStandards Store](http://webstore.ansi.org/?&source=whatsnew032612) (eSS), please visit [webstore.ansi.org](http://webstore.ansi.org/?&source=whatsnew032612) or contact ANSI Customer Service (212.642.4980, storemanager@ansi.org).

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