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What’s New?

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**Last Chance for Discounted Hotel Rate for the EESCC’s January Plenary**

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HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…

[[**Standards Boost Safety and Health during National Blood Donor Month**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3465&source=whatsnew010713)](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3456&source=whatsnew010213)

January is National Blood Donor Month, an annual celebration in recognition of the individuals whose blood donations provide lifesaving support to millions of people in need, including accident victims, hemophiliacs, and recent surgery patients. As blood donation campaigns ramp up, voluntary consensus standards play an important role in the safe and effective collection, storage, and transfusion of donated blood.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3465&source=whatsnew010713)

[**Standards Keep Winter Camping Safe and Warm**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3463&source=whatsnew010713)

As temperatures drop across the country, increased snowfall and icy winds are leading some people to hole up in their houses, waiting impatiently for spring. But for many others, winter means an opportunity to experience a cool, blustery wonderland in our nation’s parks and mountains. Standards play an important role in bolstering winter camping by setting down guidelines that make those activities safe and comfortable for all.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3463&source=whatsnew010713)

[**Did You Know?**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3464&source=whatsnew010713)

*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.

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PUBLIC POLICY

*Federal Register* notices of potential interest …

[Standards and Trade Related Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, January 3, 2013 – January 7, 2013](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2013/01%2007%2013.pdf)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, September 25 – December 26, 2012](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2012/NCRPNotices%2010_15_12.pdf)

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[**Standards Action – December 28, 2012**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2012_PDFs/SAV4352.pdf?&source=whatsnew010713)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==whatsnew010713)
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.[***2011-2012 Annual Report***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/Annual%20Report%20Archive/ANSI_2011_12_Annual_Report_Final_with_Roster.pdf?&source=whatsnew010713)
This year's annual report, *Leadership for a Rapidly Changing World*, 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=whatsnew010713)and[documents of interest](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/other_doc.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew010713).

CALENDAR

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[**ANSI Energy Efficiency Standardization Coordination Collaborative (EESCC) Full Plenary Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/standards_activities/standards_boards_panels/eescc/overview.aspx?menuid=3?menuid=8&source=whatsnew010713)January 22-23, 2013
Arlington, VA

[**ANSI Nanotechnology Standards Panel (NSP) Meeting**](https://eseries.ansi.org/source/Events/Event.cfm?EVENT=NAN-0213&source=whatsnew010713)February 4, 2013
Washington, DC

[**ANSI Intellectual Property Rights Policy Committee (IPRPC) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/event_details.aspx?menuid=8&eid=1859#.UORbe2_Ad1k&source=whatsnew010713)April 2-3, 2013
Arlington, VA

[**ANSI Company Member Forum (CMF) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/event_details.aspx?menuid=8&eid=1860#.UORbkm_Ad1k&source=whatsnew010713)April 3-4, 2013
Arlington, VA

[**ANSI Joint Member Forum (JMF) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/event_details.aspx?menuid=8&eid=1861#.UORbpm_Ad1k&source=whatsnew010713)April 4, 2013
Arlington, VA

[**ANSI Organizational Member Forum (OMF) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/event_details.aspx?menuid=8&eid=1862#.UORb72_Ad1k&source=whatsnew010713)April 5, 2013
Arlington, VA

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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[**Standardization Case Studies**](http://www.standardslearn.org/standardization_case_studies.aspx?&source=whatsnew010713)

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=whatsnew010713) 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=whatsnew010713) of ANSI Online.

STORE

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Learn more about this issue’s featured package:

[[**[ISO 13485 / IEC 62304 / ISO 14971 - Medical Devices Package](http://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=ISO+286+-+Geometrical+Product+Specifications+Package)**](http://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=ISO+13485+%2f+IEC+62304+%2f+ISO+14971+-+Medical+Devices+Package)](http://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=ASME+B30.5+%2f+ASME+B30.20+%2f+ASME+B30.9+-+Mobile+and+Locomotive+Cranes+Package&source=whatsnew122612)

The ISO 13485 / IEC 62304 / ISO 14971 - Medical Devices Package provides the support to develop, implement, and maintain a medical devices quality and risk management system. It also includes the requirements for the software life cycle process for medical device software.

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