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**What’s New?**

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HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…

[**ANSI Opens Nominations for 2013 Leadership and Service Awards**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3536&source=whatsnew031113)

ANSI has announced the Call for Nominations for its 2013 Leadership and Service Awards. The awards, presented in conjunction with World Standards Week (WSW) 2013, honor individuals who have made significant contributions to voluntary consensus standardization and conformity assessment.

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[**Draft Agenda Released for March NESCC Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3543&source=whatsnew031113)

The Nuclear Energy Standards Coordination Collaborative (NESCC), a joint initiative of ANSI and the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), has publicly released a draft agenda for its upcoming spring meeting, scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 28, 2013.

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[**New Digital Video Coding Standard Reaches Final Draft Status**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3545&source=whatsnew031113)

A new technical standard intended to reduce the bit rate required to deliver high-quality digital video to an array of technologies and applications has been promoted to the status of Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) and is expected to be available soon. The elevation of the standard – known unofficially as the High Efficiency Video Coding (HEVC) standard – occurred during a January 2013 meeting of the International Organization for Standardization / International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) Joint Technical Committee (JTC) 1, *Information Technology*, Moving Picture Experts Group (MPEG).

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[**ANSI Seeks Comments on Proposed New ISO Field of Activity on Water Re-use**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3540&source=whatsnew031113)

SAC, the Chinese member body to ISO, in conjunction with SII, the Israeli member body to ISO, and JISC, the Japanese member body to ISO, has submitted a proposal for a new field of technical activity on water re-use. ANSI invites all interested stakeholders to submit comments on the proposal by Friday, April 19, 2013.

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[**NIST Seeks Input from Stakeholders on Infrastructure Cybersecurity Framework**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3533&source=whatsnew031113)

NIST recently issued an official Request for Information (RFI) in the U.S. *Federal Register* regarding cybersecurity needs related to critical infrastructure. The RFI, titled "Developing a Framework to Improve Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity," solicits recommendations and other input from relevant stakeholders, including infrastructure owners, standards developing organizations, state and local governments, and other interested parties.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3533&source=whatsnew031113)

[**World Plumbing Day 2013 Highlights the Industry’s Role in Protecting Health and the Environment**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3544&source=whatsnew031113)

World Plumbing Day, an international celebration of the importance of plumbing, is celebrated each year on March 11. The event, organized by the World Plumbing Council, brings well-deserved attention to the essential roles played by plumbers and plumbing systems in maintaining public health and safeguarding the environment.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3544&source=whatsnew031113)

[**Standards Help Keep Consumer Data Safe during National Consumer Protection Week**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3547&source=whatsnew031113)

Every March, a steering committee of public and private organizations administers National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW), a coordinated nationwide awareness-building campaign encouraging consumers to make informed decisions and take effective advantage of their consumer rights. This year, ANSI members played a key role in NCPW, with the Federal Trade Commission, the National Consumers League, and the Consumers Union among the organizations participating.

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[**People on the Move**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3538&source=whatsnew031113)

*People on the Move* spotlights trailblazers in standardization, highlighting their latest achievements, advancements, and contributions to the standards community. In this issue: Brian Gerber and Forrest D. (Don) Wright.

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*Federal Register* notices of potential interest …

[Standards and Trade Related Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, March 5, 2013 – March 11, 2013](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2013/03%2011%2013.pdf)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, February 8, 2013 – March 11, 2013](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2013/NCRPNotices%2003_11_13.pdf)

PUBLICATIONS

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[**Standards Action – March 8, 2013**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2013_PDFs/SAV4410.pdf?&source=whatsnew031113)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==whatsnew031113)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=whatsnew031113)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.

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CALENDAR

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[**ANSI Nuclear Energy Standards Coordination Collaborative (NESCC) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/events/2013/nescc_0313.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew031113)March 28, 2013
Washington, DC

[**ANSI Intellectual Property Rights Policy Committee (IPRPC) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/events/2013/Member_Forum.aspx?menuid=8#.UQbM0fKDl8F&source=whatsnew031113)April 2-3, 2013
Arlington, VA

[**ANSI Company Member Forum (CMF) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/events/2013/Member_Forum.aspx?menuid=8#.UQbM0fKDl8F&source=whatsnew031113)April 3-4, 2013
Arlington, VA

[**ANSI Joint Member Forum (JMF) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/events/2013/Member_Forum.aspx?menuid=8#.UQbM0fKDl8F&source=whatsnew031113)April 4, 2013
Arlington, VA

[**ANSI Organizational Member Forum (OMF) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/events/2013/Member_Forum.aspx?menuid=8#.UQbM0fKDl8F&source=whatsnew031113)April 5, 2013
Arlington, VA

[**World Standards Week (WSW) 2013**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/wsw13/wsw.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew031113)September 30–October 4, 2013
Washington, DC

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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[**Standardization Case Studies**](http://www.standardslearn.org/standardization_case_studies.aspx?&source=whatsnew031113)

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

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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=whatsnew031113) of ANSI Online.

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