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**What’s New?**

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HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…

[**Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie Opens PASC-PAC Joint Annual Meeting in Honolulu**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3628&source=whatsnew052813)

Neil Abercrombie, governor of Hawaii, provided inspiring welcome remarks at the Opening Ceremony of the Joint Annual Meeting of the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC) and the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC). Hosted by ANSI on behalf of the United States, the joint meeting marks the first time PASC and PAC have held their annual plenaries together in an effort to strengthen their cooperative work.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3628&source=whatsnew052813)

[**Reminder: Nominations for 2013 ANSI Leadership and Service Awards Close in One Month**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3623&source=whatsnew052813)

ANSI would like to remind all members and other interested stakeholders that only one month remains to submit nominations for the 2013 ANSI Leadership and Service Awards, which have an official deadline of Friday, June 28, 2013.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3623&source=whatsnew052813)

[**ANSI Supports Building Code and Standardization Efforts during Building Safety Month**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3617&source=whatsnew052813)

On Tuesday, April 30, 2013, President Barack Obama signed a proclamation officially designating May as Building Safety Month. ANSI supports Building Safety Month and applauds the efforts of the International Code Council (ICC) and other members of the ANSI Federation and the broader standardization and conformance community for their important work on related standards and other documents.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3617&source=whatsnew052813)

[**Voluntary Standards Cover the Spectrum: from Lasers for Eye Surgery to School Bus Seat Flammability Testing**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3620&source=whatsnew052813)

In an effort to communicate the vital role that standards play in daily life, ANSI publishes a series of snapshots of the diverse standards initiatives undertaken in the global and national standards arena, many of which are performed by ANSI members and ANSI-accredited standards developers. This month: lasers for eye surgery and school bus seat flammability testing.

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[**Dark Lightning: Standards Promote Safety and Scientific Study**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3591&source=whatsnew052813)

Researchers recently announced new findings related to dark lightning, a little-known phenomenon where storm clouds emit nearly invisible bursts of gamma-rays and x-rays, posing a potential threat to the health and safety of airline passengers and crewmembers. Thankfully, standards are in place to help mitigate the possibility of dangerous exposure and support further study of this weather phenomenon.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3591&source=whatsnew052813)

[**Did You Know?**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3621&source=whatsnew052813)

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.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3621&source=whatsnew052813)

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*Federal Register* notices of potential interest …

[Standards and Trade Related Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, May 21, 2013 – May 28, 2013](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2013/05%2028%2013.pdf)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, April 2, 2013 – May 28, 2013](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2013/NCRPNotices%2004_08_13.pdf)

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[**Standards Action – May 24, 2013**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2013_PDFs/SAV4421.pdf?&source=whatsnew052813)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==whatsnew052813)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=whatsnew052813)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.

[***What Is ANSI?***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/WhatIsANSI_brochure.pdf?&source=whatsnew052813)This user-friendly introduction to ANSI provides a brief overview of many of the Institute’s programs and activities, with links to more detailed information.

Check out our other[publications](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/periodicals/overview.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew052813)and[documents of interest](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/other_doc.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew052813).

CALENDAR

Please check the [Events Section](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/events.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew052813) of ANSI Online regularly for updated and new event information.

[**ANSI Nuclear Energy Standards Coordination Collaborative (NESCC) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/events/2013/nescc_0713.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew052813)July 23, 2013
Washington, DC

[**World Standards Week (WSW) 2013**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/wsw13/wsw.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew052813)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=whatsnew052813)

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=whatsnew052813) 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=whatsnew052813) of ANSI Online.

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