**January 6, 2014**

**What’s New?**

*What’s New?* is a weekly electronic newsletter produced and distributed free of charge to the members and constituents of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). For a complete listing of ANSI news and events, please visit our website, [ANSI Online. >>>](http://www.ansi.org/?&source=whatsnew010614)

HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…

[**ANSI Submits Response to Office of the Federal Register on Incorporation by Reference**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3830&source=whatsnew010614)

In its response to the October 2013 notice from the Office of the Federal Register (OFR), ANSI reiterated its support for a flexible, multifaceted approach to making standards that have been incorporated by reference (IBR) reasonably available. The deadline for public comment on the OFR’s notice has been extended to January 31, 2014.

[more…](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3830&source=whatsnew010614)

[**ANSI Announces December Accreditations under Its Personnel Certification Accreditation Program**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3829&source=whatsnew010614)

ANSI is proud to announce the recent accreditation of four organizations under the Institute’s Accreditation Program for Personnel Certification Bodies.

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[**ANSI Welcomes New Members**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3831&source=whatsnew010614)

ANSI proudly welcomed 16 new members in December 2013.

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[**Happy New Year! Standards Help Support Your Resolutions**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3833&source=whatsnew010614)

Each year, millions of Americans celebrate the New Year by resolving to make positive changes in their lives. Many of these resolutions get a much-needed boost from voluntary consensus standards.

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[**Did You Know?**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3832&source=whatsnew010614)

*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: ATCC, Intertek, NFRC, and RIC.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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PUBLIC POLICY

*Federal Register* notices of potential interest …

[Standards and Trade Related Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, December 31, 2013 – January 6, 2014](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2014/01%2006%2014.pdf)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, September 28, 2013 – January 6, 2014](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2013/NCRPNotices%2010_28_13.pdf)

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[**Standards Action – January 3, 2014**](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2014-PDFs/SAV4501.pdf?&source=whatsnew010614)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==whatsnew010614)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.

[***United States Conformity Assessment Principles* (USCAP) *– Third Edition***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/USCAP%202011.pdf?&source==whatsnew010614)The *United States Conformity Assessment Principles* document articulates the principles for U.S. conformity assessment activities that the consumer, buyers, sellers, regulators and other interested parties should be aware of to have confidence in the processes of providing conformity assessment, while avoiding the creation of unnecessary barriers to trade.

[***2012-2013 Annual Report***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/Annual%20Report%20Archive/ANSI_2012_13_Annual_Report_with_Roster.pdf?&source=whatsnew010614)This year's annual report, *Building Connections, Fostering Solutions*, covers the work carried out by ANSI and its Federation of members to safeguard the U.S. standardization system and support the development of standards-based solutions for economic growth, innovation, and national and global priorities.

[***What Is ANSI?***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/WhatIsANSI_brochure.pdf?&source=whatsnew010614)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=whatsnew010614)and[documents of interest](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/other_doc.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew010614).

CALENDAR

Please check the [Events Section](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/events.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew010614) of ANSI Online regularly for updated and new event information.

[**ANSI Workshop: Arbitration of RAND Dispute**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/events/2014/Arbitration_of_RAND_Disputes.aspx?menuid=8&source=whatsnew010614)**s**January 21, 2014
Washington, DC

[**ANSI Company Member Forum (CMF) Meeting**](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/event_details.aspx?menuid=8&eid=1941&source=whatsnew010614)April 2–3, 2014
San Diego, CA

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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[**Standardization Case Studies**](http://www.standardslearn.org/standardization_case_studies.aspx?&source=whatsnew010614)

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=whatsnew010614) 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=whatsnew010614) of ANSI Online.

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