| NFPA No.   | Proposal title   | Closing date                       |
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| NFPA 1710-P*                                     | Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations Provided to the Public by Career Fire Departments.                                | 1/7/2000                           |
| NFPA 1720-P*<br>NFPA 1981-1997<br>NFPA 1982-1998 | Volunteer Fire Service Deployment Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Service Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)  | 1/7/2000<br>6/30/2000<br>6/30/2000 |
| NFPA 1999–1997<br>NFPA 2112–P*<br>NFPA 2113–P*   | Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations  Flash Fire Protective Garments for Industrial Personnel  Selection, Care, Use, and Maintenance of Flash Fire Protective Garments | 1/5/2001<br>1/7/2000<br>1/7/2000   |

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

# National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Notice 1]

National Fire Codes: Request for Comments on NFPA Technical Committee Reports

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is publishing this notice for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as a public service. NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the standards referenced in the notice.

The NFPA revises existing standards and adopts new standards twice a year. At its November meeting or its May meeting, the NFPA acts on recommendations made by its technical committees. The purpose of this notice is to request comments on technical committee reports which will be presented at NFPA's 2000 November Meeting.

**DATES:** Thirty-eight reports appear in the "2000 November Meeting Report on Proposals" which becomes available on January 21, 2000. Comments received

on or before March 31, 2000, will be considered by the respective NFPA committees before final action is taken on the proposals.

ADDRESSES: The "2000 November Meeting Report on Proposals" is available from NFPA, Fulfillment Center, 11 Tracy Drive, Avon, MA 02322. Comments on the technical committee reports should be submitted by Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269–9101.

# **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, at the above address, (617) 770–3000.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### **Background**

Standards developed by NFPA technical committees have been used by various federal agencies as the basis for Federal regulations concerning fire safety. The NFPA codes and standard are known collectively as the "National Fire Codes." Often, the Office of the Federal Register approves the incorporation by reference of these standards under 5 U.S.C. 52(a) and 1 CFR Part 51.

Revisions of existing standards and adoption of new standards are reported by NFPA technical committees at the NFPA November meeting or at the May meeting each year. The NFPA invites public comments on its technical committee reports contained in the "2000 November Report on Proposals."

#### **Request for Comments**

Interested persons may participate in these revisions by submitting written data, views, or arguments to Casev C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101. Commenters may use the forms provided for comments in the "2000 November Meeting Report on Proposals." Each person submitting a comment should include his or her name and address, identify the notice and give reasons for any recommendations. Comments received on or before March 31, 2000 will be considered by the NFPA before final action is taken on the proposals.

Copies of all written comments received and the disposition of those comments by the NFPA committees will be published as the "2000 November Meeting Report on Comments" by September 22, 2000, prior to the November meeting. A copy of this report will be sent automatically to each commenter. Action on the reports of the NFPA technical committees (adoption or rejection) will be taken by NFPA members at the November meeting, November 11–15, 2000, in Orlando, Florida.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 272. Dated: December 27, 1999.

Raymond G. Kammer, Director.

# 2000 NOVEMBER MEETING; REPORT ON PROPOSALS

[P=Partial revision; W=Withdrawal; R=Reconfirmation; N=New; C=Complete Revision]

| Doc No. | Title  | Action |
|---------|--|--------|
| 31      | Standard for the Installation of Oil-Burning Equipment                                   | С      |
| 36      | Standard for Solvent Extraction Plants   | Р      |
| 50      | Standard for Bulk Oxygen Systems at Consumer Sites                                       | Р      |
| 51A     | Standard for Acetylene Cylinder Charging Plants  | Р      |
| 58      | Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code   | С      |
| 59      | Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases at Utility Gas Plants | С      |
| 59A     | Standard for the Production, Storage, and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)        | С      |
| 85      | Combustion Systems Hazards Code  | С      |
| 101A    | Guide on Alternative Approaches to Life Safety   | Р      |
| 105     | Recommended Practice for the Installation of Smoke-Control Door Assemblies               | С      |

# 2000 NOVEMBER MEETING; REPORT ON PROPOSALS—Continued

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| Doc No. | Title  | Action |
|---------|--|--------|
| 111     | Standard on Stored Electrical Energy Emergency and Standby Power Systems   | Р      |
| 121     | Standard on Fire Protection for Self-Propelled and Mobile Surface Mining Equipment   | Р      |
| 160     | Standard for Flame Effects Before an Audience  |        |
| 258     | Standard Research Test Method for Determining Smoke Generation of Solid Materials  | С      |
| 287     | Standard Methods of Test for Measurement of Material Flammability Using a Fire Propagation Apparatus (FPA).                  | N      |
| 418     | Standard for Heliports   | Р      |
| 803     | Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Nuclear Power Plants  | W      |
| 804     | Standard for Fire Protection for Advanced Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants                                     |        |
| 805     | Standard on Performance-Based Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generation Plants                             | N      |
| 901     | Standard Classifications for Incident Reporting and Fire Protection Data   | С      |
| 909     | Standard for the Protection of Cultural Resources, Including Museums, Libraries, Places of Worship, and Historic Properties. | Р      |
| 914     | Recommended Practice for Fire Protection in Historic Structures  | С      |
| 921     | Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations  | Р      |
| 1126    | Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience   |        |
| 1401    | Recommended Practice for Fire Service Training Reports and Records   | Р      |
| 1405    | Guide for Land-Based Fire Fighters Who Respond to Marine Vessel Fires  |        |
| 1851    | Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Structural Fire Fighting Protective Ensemble Elements                        |        |
| 1906    | Standard for Wildland Fire Apparatus   | С      |
| 1912    | Standard on Refurbishing Fire Apparatus  | N      |
| 1951    | Standard on Protective Ensemble for Urban Technical Rescue Incidents   |        |
| 1983    | Standard on Fire Service Life Safety Rope and System Components  | С      |
| 1994    | Standard on Protective Ensembles for Chemical or Biological Terrorism Incidents  | N      |
| 8501    | Standard for Single Burner Boiler Operation  |        |
| 8502    | Standard for Prevention of Furnace Explosions/Implosions in Multiple Burner Boilers  |        |
| 8503    | Standard for Pulverized Fuel Systems   |        |
| 8504    | Standard on Atmospheric Fluidized-Bed Boiler Operation   | W      |
| 8505    | Standard for Stoker Operation  | W      |
| 8506    | Standard on Heat Recovery Steam Generator Systems  | W      |

| NFPA No.       | Title   | Proposal closing date |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| NFPA 10–1998   | Portable Fire Extinguishers   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 15–1996   | Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 17-1998   | Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems  | 1/5/2001              |
| NFPA 17A-1998  | Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems  | 1/5/2001              |
| NFPA 25-1998   | Water-Based Fire Protection Systems   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 40-1997   | Cellulose Nitrate Motion Picture Film   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 51-1997   | Oxygen-Fuel Gas Systems for Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes  | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 51B-1999  | Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work   | 12/28/2001            |
| NFPA 55–1998   | Storage, Use, and Handling of Compressed and Liquefied Gases in Portable Cylinders.   | 7/6/2001              |
| NFPA 61-1999   | Fires and Dust Explosions in Agricultural and Food Products Facilities  | 1/5/2001              |
| NFPA 72-1999   | National Fire Alarm Code  | 1/5/2001              |
| NFPA 75-1999   | Electronic Computer/Data Processing Equipment   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 79-1997   | Electrical Standard for Industrial Machinery  | 1/5/2001              |
| NFPA 80-1999   | Fire Doors and Fire Windows   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 80A-1996  | Protection of Buildings from Exterior Fire Exposures  | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 96-1998   | Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations  | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 101B-1999 | Code for Means of Egress for Buildings and Structures   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 204-1998  | Smoke and Heat Venting  | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 252-1999  | Fire Tests of Door Assemblies   | 12/28/2001            |
| NFPA 260-1998  | Cigarette Ignition Resistance of Components of Upholstered Furniture  | 1/5/2001              |
| NFPA 261–1998  | Mock-Up Upholstered Furniture Material Assemblies to Ignition by Smoldering Cigarettes.   | 12/28/2001            |
| NFPA 262-1999  | Flame Travel and Smoke of Wires and Cables for Use in Air-Handling Spaces   | 7/6/2001              |
| NFPA 265-1998  | Evaluating Room Fire Growth Contribution of Textile Wall Coverings  | 1/5/2001              |
| NFPA 266-1998  | Fire Characteristics of Upholstered Furniture Exposed to Flaming Ignition Source  | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 267–1998  | Fire Characteristics of Mattresses and Bedding Assemblies Exposed to Flaming Ignition Source.   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 268-1996  | Ignitibility of Exterior Wall Assemblies Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 270–1998  | Measurement of Smoke Obscuration Using a Conical Radiant Source in a Single Closed Chamber.   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 271–1998  | Heat and Visible Smoke Release Rates for Materials and Products Using an Oxygen Consumption Calorimeter.  | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 272–1999  | Heat and Visible Smoke Release Rates for Upholstered Furniture Components or Composites and Mattresses Using an Oxygen Consumption Calorimeter. | 7/6/2001              |

| NFPA No.                     | Title   | Proposal closing date |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| NFPA 285–1998                | Evaluation of Flammability Characteristics of Exterior Non-Load Bearing Wall Assemblies Containing Combustible Components Using the Intermediate-Scale Multistory Test Apparatus. | 12/28/2001            |
| NFPA 288-P*                  |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 301-1998                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 306-1997                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 402–1996                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 407–1996                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 424–1996                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 432–1997                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 471–1997                |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 472–1997                |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 473–1997                |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 482–1996                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 502–1998                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 505–1999                |   | 1/5/2001              |
| NFPA 513-1998                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 560-1995                | 3   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 664–1998                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 704–1996                |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 705–1997                | 3,  | 1/5/2001              |
| NFPA 902–1997                |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 903–1996                |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 904–1996                |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 1041–1996               | · ·   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 1051–1995               |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 1061–1996               |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 1081–P*                 |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 1124–1998               | 3   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 1127–1998               |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 1127-1998NFPA 1142-1999 |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 1192–1999               |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 1192–1999               |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 1194-1999               |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 1500–1997               |   |                       |
| NFPA 1521–1997               |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 1710-P*                 | Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations Provided to the Public by Career Fire Departments.                           | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 1720-P*                 | Volunteer Fire Service Deployment   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 1981-1997               |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 1982–1998               |   | 6/30/2000             |
| NFPA 1999–1997               |   | 1/5/2001              |
| NFPA 2112–P*                 |   | 1/7/2000              |
| NFPA 2113–P*                 |   | 1/7/2000              |

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

# National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121799B]

## **Marine Mammals**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Honolulu Laboratory, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822–2396,

has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 848–1335.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,

1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/ 713–2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213 (310/980–4001); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI (808/973–2937).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 30, 1999, notice was published in the Federal Register (64 FR 47172) that an amendment of Permit No. 848-1335, issued June 10, 1997 (62 FR 32586), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222). The amendment authorizes: an increase the number of animals authorized to be taken (i.e., harassed) during pelagic