

regulations to improve identification techniques against ASR concrete degradation at nuclear power plants. The NRC has determined that the petition meets the threshold sufficiency requirements for a PRM under § 2.802 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Petition for rulemaking," and the petition has been docketed as PRM-50-109. The NRC is requesting public comments on this PRM.

IV. Discussion of the Petition

At an NRC public meeting at Seabrook Station on June 24, 2014, the petitioner asked the NRC if the agency was investigating the U.S. nuclear fleet for ASR concrete degradation. The NRC staff responded that ASR concrete degradation could be adequately indicated through visual examination. However, an NRC position paper, "In Situ Monitoring of ASR-affected Concrete," November 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13108A047), states, "ASR can exist in concrete without indications of pattern cracking," and that for "... structures exposed to ASR, internal damage occurs through the depth of the section but visible cracking is suppressed by heavy reinforcement. . . ." When NextEra determined 131 locations with "assumed" ASR visual signs within multiple power-block structures at Seabrook Station during 2012, further engineering evaluations were not required by the NRC.

The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to improve identification techniques against ASR concrete degradation at U.S. nuclear power plants. The petitioner suggests that the reliance on a visual inspection does not "adequately identify Alkali-Silica Reaction (ASR), does not confirm ASR, or provide the current state of ASR damage (if present) without petrographic analysis under current existing code." The petitioner asserts that codes and standards exist that are capable of detecting ASR and determining the key material properties needed to evaluate the degree and severity of ASR damage. American Concrete Institute (ACI) Standard 349.3R, "Evaluation of Existing Nuclear Safety-Related Concrete Structures," for instance, has been endorsed by the NRC (ADAMS Accession No. ML112241029) as an acceptable method of protecting against excessive ASR concrete degradation, but is not a regulatory requirement. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to require that all licensees comply with industry codes and standards that have "already been endorsed by the agency," and identified two standards for which

the NRC's regulations should require compliance: (1) ACI Standard 349.3R; and (2) American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM) C856-11, "Standard Practice for Petrographic Examination of Hardened Concrete."

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of January, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 431

[Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-STD-0006]
RIN 1904-AC55

Energy Efficiency Program for Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial and Industrial Fans and Blowers

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On December 10, 2014, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of data availability (NODA) which presented a provisional analysis that estimates the potential economic impacts and energy savings that could result from promulgating a regulatory energy conservation standard for commercial and industrial fans and blowers. DOE did not propose any energy conservation standard for commercial and industrial fans and blowers. However, DOE published its analysis and the underlying assumptions and calculations, which may ultimately support a proposed standard, for stakeholder review. In response to requests by stakeholders, the comment period for the NODA is being extended to February 25, 2015.

DATES: The comment period for the notice of data availability relating to commercial and industrial fan and blower equipment is extended to February 25, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit comments, identified by docket number EERE-2013-BT-STD-0006 and/or Regulation Identification Number (RIN) 1904-AC55, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* CIFB2013STD0006@EE.Doe.Gov. Include EERE-2013-BT-STD-0006 and/or RIN 1904-AC55 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (CD), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies. [Please note that comments and CDs sent by mail are often delayed and may be damaged by mail screening processes.]

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone (202) 586-2945. If possible, please submit all items on CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

Docket: The docket is available for review at www.regulations.gov, including **Federal Register** notices, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. However, not all documents listed in the index may be publicly available, such as information that is exempt from public disclosure. The rulemaking Web page can be found at: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/rulemaking.aspx/ruleid/25. This Web page contains a link to the docket for this notice on the www.regulations.gov site. The www.regulations.gov Web page contains instructions on how to access all documents in the docket, including public comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Ron Majette, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies, EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-7935. Email: CIFansBlowers@ee.doe.gov.

Mr. Peter Cochran, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-33, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-9496. Email: peter.cochran@hq.doe.gov.

For further information on how to submit a comment and review other public comments and the docket, contact Ms. Brenda Edwards at (202) 586-2945 or by email: Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 10, 2014, DOE published a

notice of data availability (NODA) in the **Federal Register** to make available and invite comments on its provisional analysis regarding energy conservation standards for commercial and industrial fans and blowers. 79 FR 73246. The NODA provided for the written submission of comments by January 26, 2015. The Air Movement and Control Association International (AMCA) and the Appliance Standards Awareness Project (ASAP) requested an extension of the public comment period by 45 days. Stakeholders stated that additional time is necessary to review of the published analysis in order to provide, prepare, and submit comments accordingly. DOE has determined that extending the comment period to allow additional time for interested parties to submit comments is appropriate based on the foregoing reason. However, DOE believes a 30 day extension, providing a total comment period of 75 days, allows sufficient time for submitting comments. Accordingly, DOE will consider any comments received by midnight of February 25, 2015, and deems any comments received by that time to be timely submitted.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 31, 2014.

Kathleen B. Hogan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 284

[Docket No. RM14-2-000]

Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; notice of extension of time.

SUMMARY: On December 12, 2014, pursuant to authority delegated to the Director, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, a data request was issued to each ISO and RTO regarding the effect on the reliable and efficient operations of natural gas-fired generators of the current 9 a.m. CCT start to the Gas Day. The requests seek data from the ISOs/RTOs with respect to derates by natural gas generators during the morning ramp

period. This notice extends the deadline to submit answers in response to these data requests.

DATES: Responses to the data request must be filed on or before January 22, 2015 in Docket No. RM14-2-000. Comments on the responses to the data request must be filed in the same docket within 10 days of the data request response, on or before February 2, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Responses and Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways:

- Electronic Filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.
- Mail/Hand Delivery: Those unable to file electronically may mail or hand-deliver comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: For detailed instructions on submitting responses and comments, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna Fernandez (Legal Information), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the General Counsel, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, 202-502-6682.

Caroline Daly Wozniak (Technical Information), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, 202-502-8931.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 5, 2015, the ISO/RTO Council (IRC) filed a motion requesting a 10-day extension of time (motion) until January 22, 2015 to submit answers to the data requests issued on December 12, 2014, as requested by the Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, in the above-referenced proceeding.¹ In its motion, IRC states that the additional time is needed due to the amount of source data required to review, the intervening holidays, and other intervening data response commitments.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given to all parties that IRC's motion is granted, extending the deadline to submit answers to and including January 22, 2015; and to submit comments in response to those answers, to and including February 2, 2015.

¹ Letters requesting a response to the data requests under RM14-2-000 were issued to the following ISOs and RTOs: ISO New England, New York Independent System Operator, Inc., California Independent System Operator, Southwest Power Pool, Inc., PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., and Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Dated: January 7, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 112

[Docket No. FDA-2014-N-2244]

RIN 0910-AG35

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Rule, Standards for Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption; Notice for Public Meeting on Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notification of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) has made available for public review and comment the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed rule establishing standards for the growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of produce for human consumption. The document is available in Docket No. FDA-2014-N-2244. FDA is also announcing a public meeting to discuss the Draft EIS. The purpose of the public meeting is to inform the public of the findings in the Draft EIS, to provide information about the EIS process (including how to submit comments, data, and other information to the docket), to solicit oral stakeholder and public comments on the Draft EIS, and to provide clarification, as needed, about the contents of the Draft EIS.

DATES: See section II, "How to Participate in the Public Meeting" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for date and time of the public meeting, closing dates for advance registration, and information on deadlines for submitting either electronic or written comments on the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods.

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.