

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

**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 on behalf of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to announce the availability of and request comments on the technical reports that will be presented at NFPA's 2013 Annual Revision Cycle.

**DATES:** Twenty-one reports are published in the 2013 Annual Cycle Report on Proposals and will be available on June 22, 2012. Comments received by 5:00 p.m. ET on or before August 31, 2012 will be considered by the respective NFPA Committees before final action is taken on the proposals.

**ADDRESSES:** The 2013 Annual Revision Cycle Report on Proposals is available and downloadable from NFPA's Web site—[www/nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org), or by requesting a copy from the NFPA, Fulfillment Center, 11 Tracy Drive, Avon, Massachusetts 02322. Comments on the report should be submitted to Amy Beasley Cronin, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-7471.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Beasley Cronin, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-7471, (617) 770-3000. David F. Alderman, NIST, 301-975-4019.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Since 1896, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has accomplished its mission by advocating scientifically based consensus codes and standards, research, and education for safety related issues. NFPA's *National Fire Codes*,<sup>®</sup> which holds over 290 documents, are administered by more than 244 Technical Committees comprised of approximately 7,800 volunteers and are adopted and used

throughout the world. NFPA is a nonprofit membership organization with approximately 70,000 members from over 70 nations, all working together to fulfill the Association's mission.

The NFPA process provides ample opportunity for public participation in the development of its codes and standards. All NFPA codes and standards are revised and updated every three to five years in Revision Cycles that begin twice each year and that take approximately two years to complete. Each Revision Cycle proceeds according to a published schedule that includes final dates for all major events in the process. The code revision Process contains five basic steps that are followed for developing new documents as well as revising existing documents: Call for Proposals; Report on Proposals (ROP); Call for Comments on the Committee's disposition of the Proposals and publication of these Comments in the Report on Comments (ROC); the Association Technical Meeting at the NFPA Conference & Expo; and finally, the Standards Council Consideration and Issuance of documents.

**Note:** NFPA rules state that, anyone wishing to make Amending Motions on the Technical Committee Reports (ROP and ROC) must signal his or her intention by submitting a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion by the Deadline of 5:00 p.m. ET on or before April 5, 2013. Certified motions will be posted by May 3, 2013. Documents that receive notice of proper Amending Motions (Certified Amending Motions) will be presented for action at the Annual 2013 Association Technical Meeting. Documents that receive no motions will be forwarded directly to the Standards Council for action and issuance through a Consent Document Ballot by the end of May 2013.

For more information on these new rules and for up-to-date information on schedules and deadlines for processing NFPA Documents, check the NFPA Web site at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org), or contact NFPA Codes and Standards Administration.

The purpose of this notice is to request comments on the technical reports that will be presented at NFPA's 2013 Annual Revision Cycle. The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and

Technology (NIST) on behalf of NFPA is being undertaken as a public service; NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the standards referenced in the notice.

**Background**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) develops building, fire, and electrical safety codes and standards. Federal agencies frequently use these codes and standards as the basis for developing Federal regulations concerning fire safety. Often, the Office of the Federal Register approves the incorporation by reference of these standards under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

**Request for Comments**

Interested persons may participate in these revisions by submitting written data, views, or arguments, to Amy Beasley Cronin, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-7471. Commenters may use the forms provided for comments in the Reports 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 by 5:00 p.m. ET on or before August 31, 2012 for the 2013 Annual Cycle Report on Proposals 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 2013 Annual Cycle Report on Comments by February 22, 2013. A copy of the Report on Comments will be sent automatically to each commenter. Reports of the Technical Committees on documents that do not receive a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion will automatically be forwarded to the Standards Council for action on issuance. Action on the reports of the Technical Committees on documents that do receive a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion will be taken at the Association Technical Meeting, which is held at the NFPA Conference & Expo, June 10-13, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois, by the NFPA membership.

**2013 ANNUAL MEETING—REPORT ON PROPOSALS**

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

NFPA 25 .....	Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems .....	P
NFPA 51B .....	Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work .....	P
NFPA 56PS .....	Standard for Fire and Explosion Prevention During Cleaning and Purging of Flammable Gas Piping Systems ...	P
NFPA 58 .....	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code .....	P
NFPA 70 .....	National Electrical Code® .....	P
NFPA 77 .....	Recommended Practice on Static Electricity .....	P

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NFPA 96 .....	Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations .....	P
NFPA 130 .....	Standard for Fixed Guideway Transit and Passenger Rail Systems .....	P
NFPA 306 .....	Standard for the Control of Gas Hazards on Vessels .....	P
NFPA 403 .....	Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Services at Airports .....	P
NFPA 412 .....	Standard for Evaluating Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Foam Equipment .....	P
NFPA 502 .....	Standard for Road Tunnels, Bridges, and Other Limited Access Highways .....	P
NFPA 610 .....	Guide for Emergency and Safety Operations at Motorsports Venues .....	P
NFPA 780 .....	Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems .....	P
NFPA 1002 .....	Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications .....	P
NFPA 1021 .....	Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications .....	P
NFPA 1026 .....	Standard for Incident Management Personnel Professional Qualifications .....	P
NFPA 1031 .....	Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner .....	P
NFPA 1033 .....	Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator .....	P
NFPA 1123 .....	Code for Fireworks Display .....	P
NFPA 1143 .....	Standard for Wildland Fire Management .....	P

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Notice of Availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Replacement of NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla, CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS); Opportunity for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA announces the public release of the Final SEIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, and NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 *Environmental Review Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act*. Since completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) in April of 2009, substantial changes to the proposed action are being considered by NOAA within portions of the project area containing the 2.5-acre property currently occupied by Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) and managed by NOAA under long-term lease from the University of California Office of the President (UCOP). These

newly proposed actions were not previously analyzed in the Final EIS/EIR and involve additional demolition activities, substantial excavation and grading, installation of a geohazard soil stabilization system, structural upgrade to remaining structures, and other site alterations. These proposed actions were deemed necessary by NOAA based on additional geotechnical information and design recommendations received since approval of the Final EIS/EIR. A Draft and Final SEIS evaluated each environmental topic addressed in the Final EIS/EIR, and focused on the newly proposed action and its potential effects to the human environment. The No-Action Alternative was analyzed and assumes the newly proposed actions would not be implemented. Comments on the Draft SEIS were received during a 45-day public comment period that ended October 31, 2011. The Final SEIS evaluates and responds to these comments. An opportunity to comment on the Final SEIS is provided for 30 days following this Notice of Availability.

**DATES:** Written comments and input will be accepted on or before June 25, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Robb Gries, Project Engineer, NOAA, Project Planning & Management—Western Region, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115; email [robb.gries@noaa.gov](mailto:robb.gries@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robb Gries, NOAA Project Engineer, at the address provided above. A copy of the Final SEIS can be viewed or downloaded at [http://www.seco.noaa.gov/HTML\\_Blue/OCAO\\_NEPA.html](http://www.seco.noaa.gov/HTML_Blue/OCAO_NEPA.html)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed action evaluated in the April 2009 Final EIS/EIR consisted of the demolition of Buildings B and C and the

construction of a new SWFSC building on a property across La Jolla Shores Drive from the existing NMFS facilities. Currently, construction of the SWFSC building at the preferred site is underway. Demolition of Buildings B and C at the existing NOAA property would not occur until construction of the new SWFSC building has been completed.

A Notice of Intent to prepare the SEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2011, and a Notice of Availability of the Draft SEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on September 16, 2011. Consistent with 40 CFR 1502.9(c)(1)(i), this SEIS focuses on the environmental effects of the proposed changes and feasible alternatives including the no-action alternative, and analyzes the potential effects to affected resources such as: geological conditions, hydraulic processes, construction noise, traffic/pedestrian circulation, air emissions, and protected wildlife. Separately, the University of California—San Diego (UCSD) and UCOP intend to determine what additional CEQA documentation is necessary, such as an Addendum to the Final EIS/EIR, based on the findings of the SEIS and other factors.

NOAA has submitted the Final SEIS to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review and comment, in conformance with NEPA implementing regulations. Copies of this document have been made available to persons who commented on the Draft SEIS, to other individuals expressing interest, and posted on the NOAA Web page noted above in order to be accessible to the general public. NOAA is accepting comments on the Final SEIS during a minimum 30-day “cooling off” period beginning May 25, 2012, and ending on June 25, 2012.