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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

International Code Council: The Update Process for the International Codes and Standards

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards
and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The International Code
Council (ICC), promulgator of the
International Codes and Standards,
maintains a process for updating the
entire family of International Codes
based on receipt of proposals from
interested individuals and organizations
involved in the construction industry as
well as the general public. The codes are
updated every three years.

The purpose of this notice is to
increase public participation in the
system used by ICC to develop and
maintain its codes and standards. The
publication of this notice by the
National Institute of Standards and
Technology (NIST) on behalf of ICC is
being undertaken as a public service;
NIST does not necessarily endorse,
approve, or recommend any of the codes
or standards referenced in the notice.

DATES: The date of the next Committee
Action Hearings is April 21–30, 2013 in
Dallas, TX at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.
This will be followed by the Public
Comment Hearings October 2, 2013 in
Atlantic City, New Jersey at the Atlantic
City Convention Center.

ADDRESSES: Committee Action Hearings
in Dallas, TX at the Sheraton Dallas
Hotel and the Public Comment Hearings
in Atlantic City, New Jersey at the
Atlantic City Convention Center.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Illinois 60478; Telephone 888-ICC-
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2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, email:
david.alderman@nist.gov or by phone at
301-975-4019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

ICC produces the only family of Codes
and Standards that are comprehensive,
coordinated, and necessary to regulate
the built environment. Federal agencies
frequently use these codes and
standards as the basis for developing
Federal regulations concerning new and
existing construction.

This is the second year of ICC's three
year cycle. The fifteen International
Codes are updated on a three year cycle
where each code is updated in a specific
year. In this current three year cycle, 5
codes were updated in 2012, 9 will be
updated in 2013 and one will be
updated in 2014. Completion of this
cycle results in the 2015 edition of the
International Codes which are
scheduled to be published in the first
half of 2014. For detailed information
on the 2012/2013/2014 Cycle, including
a list of codes to be updated and in
which cycle, go to: http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Web_pages/cycle.aspx.

The Code Development Process is
initiated when proposals from
interested persons, supported by written
data, views, or arguments are solicited
and published in the Code Change
Agenda document. This document is
posted a minimum of 30 days in
advance of the Committee Action
Hearing serves as the agenda.

At the Committee Action Hearing, the
ICC Code Development Committee
considers testimony on every proposal
and acts on each one individually
(Approval, Disapproval, or Approval as
Modified). The results are published in
a report entitled the Report of the
Committee Action Hearing, which
identifies the disposition of each
proposal and the reason for the
committee's action. Anyone wishing to
submit a comment on the committee's
action, expressing support or opposition
to the action, is provided the
opportunity to do so. Comments
received are published and distributed
in a document called the Public

Comment Agenda which serves as the
agenda for the second hearing called the
Public Comment Hearing. As part of
ICC's Governmental Consensus Process,
at the Public Comment Hearing, only
ICC's Governmental Members are
permitted to vote as they have no vested
interest other than health, safety and
welfare in the enforcement of the code.
Proposals which are approved at the
Public Comment Hearing are
incorporated in the subsequent Edition,
with the next cycle starting with the
submittal deadline for proposals.

International Code Council, 4051 W
Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills,
Illinois 60478; or download a copy from
the ICC Web site noted previously.

The International Codes and
Standards consist of the following:

ICC Codes

- International Building Code.
- International Energy Conservation
Code.
- International Existing Building Code.
- International Fire Code.
- International Fuel Gas Code.
- International Green Construction
Code.
- International Mechanical Code.
- ICC Performance Code for Buildings
and Facilities.
- International Plumbing Code.
- International Private Sewage Disposal
Code.
- International Property Maintenance
Code.
- International Residential Code.
- International Swimming Pool and Spa
Code
- International Wildland-Urban
Interface Code.
- International Zoning Code.

ICC Standards

ICC A 117.1: Accessible and Usable
Buildings and Facilities.

ICC 300: Standard on Bleachers,
Folding and Telescopic Seating and
Grandstands.

ICC 400: Standard on the Design and
Construction of Log Structures.

ICC 500: ICC/NSSA Standard on the
Design and Construction of Storm
Shelters.

ICC 600: Standard for Residential
Construction in High Wind Regions.

ICC 700: National Green Building
Standard

The maintenance process for ICC
Standards such as ICC A117.1 follows a
similar process of soliciting proposals,
committee action, public comment and
ultimately the update and publication of
the standard. ICC's Standard
development process meets ANSI
requirements for standard's
development.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Smart Grid Advisory Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Smart Grid Advisory Committee (SGAC or Committee), will meet in open session on Friday, April 19, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss the NIST Smart Grid Program Plan. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the Smart Grid Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid>.

DATES: The SGAC will meet on Friday, April 19, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. The meeting will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Portrait Room, Administration Building, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Cuong Nguyen, Smart Grid and Cyber-Physical Systems Program Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8200, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8200; telephone 301-975-2254, fax 301-975-4091; or via email at cuong.nguyen@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. The Committee is composed of ten to fifteen members, appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and knowledge of issues affecting Smart Grid deployment and operations. The Committee advises the Director of NIST on carrying out duties authorized by section 1305 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-140). The

Committee provides input to NIST on Smart Grid standards, priorities, and gaps, on the overall direction, status, and health of the Smart Grid implementation by the Smart Grid industry, and on Smart Grid Interoperability Panel activities, including the direction of research and standards activities. Background information on the Committee is available at <http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid/committee.cfm>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Smart Grid Advisory Committee (SGAC or Committee) will meet in open session on Friday, April 19, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. The meeting will be open to the public and held in the Portrait Room, in the Administration Building at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss the NIST Smart Grid Program Plan. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the Smart Grid Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda by submitting their request to Cuong Nguyen at cuong.nguyen@nist.gov or (301) 975-2254 no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, April 12, 2013. On Friday, April 19, 2013, approximately one-half hour will be reserved at the end of the meeting for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about three minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the Smart Grid and Cyber-Physical Systems Program Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8200, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8200; fax 301-975-4091; or via email at nistsgfac@nist.gov.

All visitors to the NIST Web site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, April 12, 2013, in order to attend. Please submit your full name, time of arrival, email address, and phone number to Cuong Nguyen. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their

country of citizenship, title, employer/sponsor, and address. Mr. Nguyen's email address is cuong.nguyen@nist.gov and his phone number is (301) 975-2254.

Dated: March 20, 2013.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 17751

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Yoko Mitani, Ph.D., Hokkaido University, 3-1-1 Minato-cho, Hakodate, Hokkaido 041-8611, Japan, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*) and killer (*Orcinus orca*) whales.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before April 25, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 17751 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.