

modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL, including MET, which details the NRTL's scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpcanrtl/index.html>.

MET currently has one facility (site) recognized by OSHA for product testing and certification, with its headquarters located at: MET Laboratories, Inc., 914 West Patapsco Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21230. A complete list of MET's scope of recognition is available at <https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpcanrtl/met.html>.

## II. General Background on the Application

MET submitted three applications, one dated January 10, 2018 (OSHA–2006–0028–0046), one dated May 18, 2018 (OSHA–2006–0028–0044), and another one dated June 28, 2018 (OSHA–2006–0028–0045). The applications will expand MET's NRTL Scope of Recognition to include three additional test standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to these application.

Table 1 lists the appropriate test standards found in MET's applications for expansion for testing and certification of products under the NRTL Program.

TABLE 1—PROPOSED LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN MET'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 696 .....	Electric Toys.
UL 962 .....	Household and Commercial Furnishings.
UL 60079–7 ...	Explosive Atmosphere—Part 7: Equipment Protection by Increased Safety “e”.

## III. Preliminary Findings on the Application

MET submitted acceptable applications for expansion of the scope of recognition. OSHA's review of the application file, and pertinent documentation, indicate that MET can meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expanding its recognition to include the addition of these three test standards for NRTL testing and certification listed above. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of MET's application.

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether MET meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition as a NRTL. Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request. Commenters must submit the written request for an extension by June 20, 2019. OSHA will limit any extension to 10 days unless the requester justifies a longer period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if the request is not adequately justified. To obtain or review copies of the exhibits identified in this notice, as well as comments submitted to the docket, contact the Docket Office, at the above address. These materials also are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. OSHA–2006–0028.

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner and, after addressing the issues raised by these comments, make a recommendation to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health whether to grant MET's application for expansion of its scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application. In making this decision, the Assistant Secretary may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA will publish a public notice of its final decision in the **Federal Register**.

## IV. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 30, 2019.

**Loren Sweatt,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2007–0042]

### TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to expand the scope of recognition for TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

**DATES:** The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on June 5, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

*Press inquiries:* Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N–3647, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: [meilinger.francis2@dol.gov](mailto:meilinger.francis2@dol.gov).

*General and technical information:* Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N–3655, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–2110; email: [robinson.kevin@dol.gov](mailto:robinson.kevin@dol.gov). OSHA's website includes information about the NRTL Program (see <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpcanrtl/index.html>).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. (TUVRNA) as an NRTL. TUVRNA's expansion covers the addition of four recognized testing and certification sites and two recognized testing standards to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition, and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of

recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides the preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL that details the scope of recognition. These pages are available from the agency's website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>.

TUVRNA submitted two applications, one dated March 30, 2016 (OSHA-2007-0042-0030), and another dated April 19, 2017 (OSHA-2007-0042-0031), to expand recognition to include the addition of four recognized testing and certification sites. The sites are located at: TUV Rheinland (Shenzhen) Co, Ltd, 1F East & 2-4F, Cybio Technology Building No. 1, No. 16, Keibei 2nd Road, High-Tech Industrial Park North, Nanshan District, 518057 Shenzhen, China; TUV Rheinland (Shanghai) Co, Ltd, TUV Rheinland Building No. 177, Lane 777, West Guangzhong Road, Zhabei District, Shanghai 200072, P.R. China; TUV Rheinland Taiwan Ltd., 11F, No. 758, Sec. 4, Bade Rd., Songshan District, Taipei City 105, Taiwan; and TUV Rheinland Taiwan Ltd., Taichung Branch Office, No. 9, Lane 36, Minsheng Rod., Sec. 3, Daya District, Taichung City 428, Taiwan. TUVRNA's applications also requested the addition of two test standards to the scope of recognition. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application and other pertinent information. OSHA staff also performed an on-site review of TUVRNA's testing facilities on August 7-8, 2017, at TUV Rheinland Shanghai, August 10-11, 2017, at TUV Rheinland Shenzhen, August 14-15, 2017, at TUV Rheinland Taipei, and August 16, 2017, at TUV Rheinland Taichung, in which the assessors found some nonconformances with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7. TUVRNA addressed these issues sufficiently. OSHA staff recommended that OSHA should grant the applications for expansion to

include these four sites and two test standards.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing TUVRNA's expansion application in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 2018 (83 FR 36625). The agency requested comments by August 14, 2018, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA now is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of TUVRNA's scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to TUVRNA's application, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N-3655, Washington, DC 20210. Docket No. OSHA-2007-0042 contains all materials in the record concerning TUVRNA's recognition.

## II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined TUVRNA's expansion application, conducted two detailed on-site assessments, and examined other pertinent information. Based on a review of this evidence, OSHA finds that TUVRNA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition, subject to the limitation and conditions listed below.

OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant TUVRNA's scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of TUVRNA's recognition to include the four test sites at TUVRNA Shenzhen, China; Shanghai, China; Taipei, Taiwan; and Taichung, Taiwan as listed above. OSHA's recognition of these sites limits TUVRNA to performing product testing and certifications only to the test standards for which the site has the proper capability and programs, and for test standards in TUVRNA's scope of recognition. This limitation is consistent with the recognition that OSHA grants to other NRTLs that operate multiple sites.

Additionally, OSHA is proceeding with this final notice to expand TUVRNA's scope to include two additional test standards to the scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of TUVRNA's recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the test standards listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1—LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN TUVRNA'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
NFPA 496 .....	Purged and Pressurized Enclosures for Electrical Equipment.
UL 698A .....	Industrial and Classification of Mercantile and Bank Burglar-Alarm Systems.

OSHA's recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to equipment or materials for which OSHA standards require third-party testing and certification before using them in the workplace. Consequently, if a test standard also covers any products for which OSHA does not require such testing and certification, a NRTL's scope of recognition does not include these products.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) may approve the test standards listed above as American National Standards. However, for convenience, the use of the designation of the standards-developing organization for the standard as opposed to the ANSI designation may occur. Under the NRTL Program's policy (see OSHA Instruction CPL 1-0.3, Appendix C, paragraph XIV), any NRTL recognized for a particular test standard may use either the proprietary version of the test standard or the ANSI version of that standard. Contact ANSI to determine whether a test standard is currently ANSI-approved.

### A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, TUVRNA must abide by the following conditions of the recognition:

1. TUVRNA must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in its operations as an NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);

2. TUVRNA must meet all the terms of its recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and

3. TUVRNA must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on TUVRNA's scope of recognition, in all areas for which it has recognition.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby expands the scope of recognition of TUVRNA, subject to the limitation and conditions specified above.

### III. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 30, 2019.

**Loren Sweatt,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register**, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received by July 5, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 17th Street NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

*Title of Collection:* Grantee Reporting Requirements for Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSECs).

*OMB Number:* 3145-0230.

*Overview of this Information Collection:*

The Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSECs) Program supports innovation in interdisciplinary research, education, and knowledge transfer. MRSECs build intellectual and physical infrastructure within and between disciplines, weaving together knowledge creation, knowledge integration, and knowledge transfer. MRSECs conduct world-class research through partnerships of academic institutions, national laboratories, industrial organizations, and/or other public/private entities. New knowledge thus created is meaningfully linked to society.

MRSECs enable and foster excellent education, integrate research and education, and create bonds between learning and inquiry so that discovery and creativity more fully support the learning process. MRSECs capitalize on diversity through participation in center activities and demonstrate leadership in the involvement of groups underrepresented in science and engineering.

MRSECs are required to submit annual reports on progress and plans, which are used as a basis for

performance review and determining the level of continued funding. To support this review and the management of a Center, MRSECs will be required to develop a set of management and performance indicators for submission annually to NSF via the Research Performance Project Reporting module in *Research.gov* and an external technical assistance contractor that collects programmatic data electronically. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of center personnel and students; sources of financial support and in-kind support; expenditures by operational component; characteristics of industrial and/or other sector participation; research activities; education activities; knowledge transfer activities; patents, licenses; publications; degrees granted to students involved in Center activities; descriptions of significant advances and other outcomes of the MRSEC effort. Such reporting requirements are included in the cooperative agreement that is binding between the academic institution and NSF.

Each Center's annual report will address the following categories of activities: (1) Research, (2) education, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) partnerships, (5) shared experimental facilities, (6) diversity, (7) management, and (8) budget issues.

For each of the categories the report will describe overall objectives for the year, problems the Center has encountered in making progress towards goals, anticipated problems in the following year, and specific outputs and outcomes.

MRSECs are required to file a final report through the RPPR and external technical assistance contractor. Final reports contain similar information and metrics as annual reports, effectively they constitute the last annual report; the Program Officer maintains a cumulative database with all relevant achievements and metrics.

*Use of the Information:* NSF will use the information to continue funding of the Centers, and to evaluate the progress of the program.

*Estimate of Burden:* 80 hours per center for 20 centers for a total of 1,600 hours.

*Respondents:* Non-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Report:* One from each of the 20 MRSECs.