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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Scope of Meeting**

OSHA is interested in obtaining information from the public on key issues facing the agency's whistleblower program. This meeting is part of an ongoing series of meetings requesting public input on this program. The agency is seeking suggestions on how it can improve its outreach and training efforts in the Whistleblower Protection Program. Please note that the agency does not have the authority to change the statutory language and requirements of the laws it enforces. In particular, the agency invites input on the following:

1. How can OSHA deliver better whistleblower customer service?
2. What kind of assistance can OSHA provide to help explain the agency's whistleblower laws to employees and employers?

**B. Request for Comments**

Regardless of attendance at the public meeting, interested persons may submit written or electronic comments (see **ADDRESSES** above). Electronic comments include recorded oral comments. Comments may be submitted in any language. To permit time for interested persons to submit data, information, or views on the issues in the "Scope of Meeting" section of this notice, please submit comments by May 29, 2024, and include Docket No. OSHA–2018–0005. If you have questions regarding how to submit comments, please contact [osha.dwpp@dol.gov](mailto:osha.dwpp@dol.gov) or 202–693–2199.

**C. Access to the Public Record**

Electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice are available at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. This notice, as well as news releases and other relevant information, is also available on the Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs' web page at: <http://www.whistleblowers.gov>.

**Authority and Signature**

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by Section 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 660(c)); Secretary's Order 08–2020 (May 15, 2020).

Signed at Washington, DC.

**James S. Frederick,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. OSHA–2013–0016]

**Nemko North America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on March 27, 2024.

**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, phone: (202) 693–1999 or 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, phone: (202) 693–1911 or email: [robinson.kevin@dol.gov](mailto:robinson.kevin@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Notice of Final Decision**

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of Nemko North America, Inc. (NNA) as a NRTL. NNA's expansion covers the addition of one test standard 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. Each NRTL's scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the applicable test standard; and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL's scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes an application by a NRTL for initial recognition and for an expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A, 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. 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, including NNA, which details the NRTL's scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

NNA submitted an application on September 20, 2023 (OSHA–2013–0016–0022), to expand the recognition to include one additional test standard. 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 this application.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing NNA's expansion application in the **Federal Register** on February 7, 2024 (89 FR 8451). The agency requested comments by February 22, 2024, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA is now proceeding with this final grant of expansion to NNA's NRTL scope of recognition.

Docket No. OSHA–2013–0016 contains all materials in the record concerning NNA's recognition. To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to NNA's expansion application, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 for assistance in locating docket submissions.

**II. Final Decision and Order**

OSHA staff examined NNA's expansion application, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that NNA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the limitations and conditions listed in this notice. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant NNA's expanded scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion

of NNA's recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the test standard listed below in Table 1.

TABLE 1—APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARD FOR INCLUSION IN NNA'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 508A ..	Industrial Control Panels.

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.

#### A. Conditions

Recognition is contingent on continued compliance with 29 CFR 1910.7, including, but not limited to, abiding by the following conditions of the recognition:

1. NNA 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 a NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);
2. NNA must meet all the terms of its recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and
3. NNA must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on NNA'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 NNA as a NRTL, subject to the limitations and conditions specified above.

#### III. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy 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. 8–2020 (85 FR 58393, Sept. 18, 2020), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC.

#### James S. Frederick,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2024–0003]

#### Ballard Marine Construction Lower Olentangy Tunnel Project; Application for Permanent Variance and Interim Order; Grant of Interim Order; Request for Comments

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, OSHA announces the application of Ballard Marine Construction for a permanent variance and interim order from provisions of the standard that regulates construction work in compressed air environments, presents the agency's preliminary finding on Ballard's application, and announces the granting of an interim order. OSHA invites the public to submit comments on the variance application to assist the agency in determining whether to grant the applicant a permanent variance based on the conditions specified in this application.

**DATES:** Submit comments, information, documents in response to this notice, and request for a hearing on or before April 26, 2024. The interim order described in this notice will become effective on March 27, 2024, and shall remain in effect until the completion of the Lower Olentangy Tunnel Conveyance Project in Columbus, Ohio, the interim order is modified or revoked, or OSHA publishes a decision on the permanent variance application.

#### ADDRESSES:

**Electronically:** You may submit comments, including attachments, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for making electronic submissions.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency's name and the docket number for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA–2024–0003). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting information they do not want made available to the public, or submitting materials that contain personal information (either about themselves or others), such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

**Docket:** To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 (TTY (877) 889–5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

**Extension of comment period:** Submit requests for an extension of the comment period on or before April 26, 2024 to the 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–3653, Washington, DC 20210, or by fax to (202) 693–1644.

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**Hearing Requests.** According to 29 CFR 1905.15, hearing requests must include: (1) a concise statement of facts detailing how the permanent variance would affect the requesting party; (2) a specification of any statement or representation in the variance application that the commenter denies, and a concise summary of the evidence offered in support of each denial; and (3) any views or arguments on any issue of fact or law presented in the variance application.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**