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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Fire Codes: Request for Proposals for Revision of Codes and Standards

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 NFPA's proposal to revise some of its fire safety codes and standards and requests proposals from the public to amend existing or begin the process of developing new NFPA fire safety codes and standards. The purpose of this request is to increase public participation in the system used by NFPA to develop its codes and standards.

DATES: Interested persons may submit proposals by 5 p.m. EST/EDST on or before the date listed with the code or standard.

ADDRESSES: Amy Beasley Cronin, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-7471.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Beasley Cronin, Secretary, Standards Council, at above address, (617) 770-3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) proposes to revise some of its fire safety codes and standards and requests proposals from the public to amend existing or begin the process of developing new NFPA fire safety codes and standards. The purpose of this request is to increase public participation in the system used by NFPA to develop its codes and standards. The publication of this notice of request for proposals 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.

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 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 5 p.m. EST/EDST of the Deadline stated in the ROC. Certified motions will then be posted on the NFPA Web site. Documents that receive notice of proper Amending Motions (Certified Amending Motions) will be presented for action at the Association Technical Meeting at the NFPA Conference & Expo. Documents that receive no motions will be forwarded directly to the Standards Council for action on issuance.

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

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.

When a Technical Committee begins the development of a new or revised NFPA code or standard, it enters one of two Revision Cycles available each year. The Revision Cycle begins with the Call for Proposals, that is, a public notice asking for any interested persons to submit specific written proposals for developing or revising a code or standards. The Call for Proposals is published in a variety of publications.

Interested parties have approximately twenty weeks to respond to the Call for Proposals.

Following the Call for Proposals period, the Technical Committee holds a meeting to consider and accept, reject or revise, in whole or in part, all the submitted Proposals. The Committee may also develop its own Proposals. A document known as the Report on Proposals, or ROP, is prepared containing all the Public Proposals, the Technical Committee's action on each Proposal, as well as all Committee-generated Proposals. The ROP is then submitted for the approval of the Technical Committee by a formal written ballot. If the ROP does not receive approval by a two-thirds vote calculated in accordance with NFPA rules, the Report is returned to the Committee for further consideration and is not published. If the necessary approval is received, the ROP is published in a compilation of Reports on Proposals issued by NFPA twice yearly for public review and comment, and the process continues to the next step.

The Reports on Proposals are sent automatically free of charge to all who submitted Proposals and each Committee member, as well as anyone else who requests a copy. All ROP's are also available for free downloading at <http://www.nfpa.org>.

Once the ROP becomes available, there is a 60-day comment period during which anyone may submit a Public Comment on the proposed changes in the ROP. The Committee then reconvenes at the end of the comment period and acts on all Comments.

As before, a two-thirds approval vote by written ballot of the eligible members of the Committee is required for approval of actions on the Comments. All of this information is compiled into a second report, called the Report on Comments (ROC), which, like the ROP, is published, and is made available for public review for a seven-week period.

The process of public input and review does not end with the publication of the ROP and ROC. Following the completion of the Proposal and Comment periods, there is further opportunity for debate and discussion through the Association Technical Meeting that takes place at the NFPA Conference & Expo.

The Association Technical Meeting provides an opportunity for the final Technical Committee Report (*i.e.*, the ROP and ROC) on each proposed new or revised code or standard to be presented to the NFPA membership for the debate and consideration of motions

to amend the Report. Before making an allowable motion at an Association Technical Meeting, the intended maker of the motion must file, in advance of the session, and within the published deadline, a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion. A Motions Committee appointed by the Standards Council then reviews all notices and certifies all amending motions that are proper. Only these Certified Amending Motions, together with certain allowable Follow-Up Motions (that is, motions that have become necessary as a result of previous successful amending motions) will be allowed at the Association Technical Meeting.

For more information on dates/locations of NFPA Technical Committee meetings and NFPA Conference & Expo, check the NFPA Web site at: <http://www.nfpa.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=822&itemID=22818>.

The specific rules for the types of motions that can be made and who can make them are set forth in NFPA's Regulation Governing Committee Projects which should always be consulted by those wishing to bring an issue before the membership at an Association Technical Meeting.

Request for Proposals

Interested persons may submit proposals, supported by written data,

views, or arguments, to Amy Beasley Cronin, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-7471. Proposals should be submitted on forms available from the NFPA Codes and Standards Administration Office or on NFPA's Web site at <http://www.nfpa.org>. Each person must include his or her name and address, identify the code or standard, and give reasons for the proposal. Proposals received by 5 p.m. EST/EDST on or before the closing date indicated with each code or standard would be acted on by the Committee, and then considered by the NFPA Membership at the Association Technical Meeting.

Document-edition	Document title	Proposal closing date
NFPA 10–2010	Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers	5/23/2011
NFPA 14–2010	Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems	5/23/2011
NFPA 17–2009	Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems	5/23/2011
NFPA 17A–2009	Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems	5/23/2011
NFPA 22–2008	Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection	5/23/2011
NFPA 36–2009	Standard for Solvent Extraction Plants	5/23/2011
NFPA 52–2010	Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code	5/23/2011
NFPA 70B–2010	Recommended Practice for Electrical Equipment Maintenance	5/23/2011
NFPA 77–2007	Recommended Practice on Static Electricity	5/23/2011
NFPA 99B–2010	Standard for Hypobaric Facilities	11/23/2012
NFPA 140–2008	Standard on Motion Picture and Television Production Studio Soundstages, Approved Production Facilities, and Production Locations.	5/23/2011
NFPA 211–2010	Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances	5/23/2011
NFPA 225–2009	Model Manufactured Home Installation Standard	5/23/2011
NFPA 241–2009	Standard for Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations	5/23/2011
NFPA 259–2008	Standard Test Method for Potential Heat of Building Materials	5/23/2011
NFPA 260–2009	Standard Methods of Tests and Classification System for Cigarette Ignition Resistance of Components of Upholstered Furniture.	5/23/2011
NFPA 261–2009	Standard Method of Test for Determining Resistance of Mock-Up Upholstered Furniture Material Assemblies to Ignition by Smoldering Cigarettes.	5/23/2011
NFPA 270–2008	Standard Test Method for Measurement of Smoke Obscuration Using a Conical Radiant Source in a Single Closed Chamber.	5/23/2011
NFPA 274–2009	Standard Test Method to Evaluate Fire Performance Characteristics of Pipe Insulation	5/23/2011
NFPA 289–2009	Standard Method of Fire Test for Individual Fuel Packages	5/23/2011
NFPA 290–2009	Standard for Fire Testing of Passive Protection Materials for Use on LP-Gas Containers	5/23/2011
NFPA 495–2010	Explosive Materials Code	5/23/2011
NFPA 496–2008	Standard for Purged and Pressurized Enclosures for Electrical Equipment	5/23/2011
NFPA 498–2010	Standard for Safe Havens and Interchange Lots for Vehicles Transporting Explosives	5/23/2011
NFPA 501A–2009	Standard for Fire Safety Criteria for Manufactured Home Installations, Sites, and Communities	5/23/2011
NFPA 501–2010	Standard on Manufactured Housing	5/23/2011
NFPA 502–2011	Standard for Road Tunnels, Bridges, and Other Limited Access Highways	11/25/2011
NFPA 505–2011	Fire Safety Standard for Powered Industrial Trucks Including Type Designations, Areas of Use, Conversions, Maintenance, and Operations.	5/23/2011
NFPA 520–2010	Standard on Subterranean Spaces	5/24/2013
NFPA 551–2010	Guide for the Evaluation of Fire Risk Assessments	5/23/2011
NFPA 705–2009	Recommended Practice for a Field Flame Test for Textiles and Films	5/23/2011
NFPA 801–2008	Standard for Fire Protection for Facilities Handling Radioactive Materials	5/23/2011
NFPA 853–2010	Standard for the Installation of Stationary Fuel Cell Power Systems	5/24/2013
NFPA 900–2010	Building Energy Code	5/23/2011
NFPA 909–2010	Code for the Protection of Cultural Resource Properties—Museums, Libraries, and Places of Worship.	5/23/2011
NFPA 914–2010	Code for Fire Protection of Historic Structures	5/24/2013
NFPA 1002–2009	Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications	8/26/2011
NFPA 1006–2008	Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications	5/23/2011
NFPA 1404–2006	Standard for Fire Service Respiratory Protection Training	5/23/2011
NFPA 1451–2007	Standard for a Fire Service Vehicle Operations Training Program	5/23/2011
NFPA 1600–2010	Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs	5/23/2011
NFPA 1855–P*	Standard for Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Technical Rescue Incidents.	5/23/2011
NFPA 1925–2008	Standard on Marine Fire-Fighting Vessels	5/23/2011
NFPA 1962–2008	Standard for the Inspection, Care, and Use of Fire Hose, Couplings, and Nozzles and the Service Testing of Fire Hose.	5/23/2011

Document-edition	Document title	Proposal closing date
NFPA 1964–2008	Standard for Spray Nozzles	5/23/2011
NFPA 1981–2007	Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services	5/23/2011
NFPA 1982–2007	Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)	5/23/2011
NFPA 1999–2008	Standard on Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations	5/23/2011

* Proposed NEW drafts are available from NFPA's Web site—<http://www.nfpa.org> or may be obtained from NFPA's Codes and Standards Administration, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169–7471.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR Data and Review Workshops for Caribbean silk snapper, queen snapper and redbait parrotfish.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR assessments of the Caribbean stocks of silk snapper, queen snapper and redbait parrotfish will consist of a series of three workshops: a Data Workshop, an Assessment Workshop, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Data Workshop will take place May 16–20, 2011; the Review Workshop will take place October 17–21, 2011. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times of the workshops.

ADDRESSES: The Data Workshop will be held at the Renaissance St. Croix Carambola Beach Resort and Spa, Estate Davis Bay, Kingshill St. Croix VI 00850, telephone: (888) 503–8760. The Review Workshop will be held at the Hotel El Convento, 100 Cristo Street, Old San Juan, PR 00901, telephone: (181) 723–9036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571–4366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and

Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR includes three workshops: (1) Data Workshop, (2) Stock Assessment Workshop and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Stock Assessment Workshop is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Consensus Summary documenting Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and State and Federal agencies.

SEDAR 21 Data and Review Workshop Schedule:

May 16–20, 2011; SEDAR 21 Data Workshop

May 16, 2011: 1 p.m.–8 p.m.; May 17–19, 2011: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.; May 20, 2011: 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

An assessment data set and associated documentation will be developed during the Data Workshop. Participants will evaluate all available data and select appropriate sources for providing information on life history

characteristics, catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, and fishery dependent and fishery independent measures of stock abundance.

October 17–21, 2011; SEDAR 26 Review Workshop

October 17, 2011: 1 p.m.–8 p.m.;

October 18–20, 2011: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.;

October 21, 2011: 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

The Review Workshop is an independent peer review of the assessment developed during the Data and Assessment Workshops. Workshop Panelists will review the assessment and document their comments and recommendations in a Consensus Summary.

The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from, or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to each workshop.

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