

Particular Requirements for Timers and Time Switches
UL 8730-2-8 Automatic Electrical Controls for Household and Similar Use; Part 2: Particular Requirements for Electrically Operated Water Valves

The recognition of these additional standards is the only recognition granted in this notice. All other conditions and requirements of ITS's recognition remain the same.

Since this correction does not fall within the public notice requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7, this is the only notice that OSHA will publish on this decision. A copy of the ITS application for expansion of recognition is available for inspection and duplication at the Docket Office, Room N-2634, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, (Docket No. NRTL-1-89).

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 23rd day of December, 1997.

Charles N. Jeffress,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL-3-92]

TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., Request for Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of request for expansion of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL), and preliminary finding.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. for expansion of its recognition as a NRTL under 29 CFR 1910.7, for programs and procedures, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding.

DATES: The last date for interested parties to submit comments is March 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments concerning this notice to: NRTL Program, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N3653 Washington, D.C. 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, NRTL Recognition

Program at the above address, or phone (202) 219-7056.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Application

Notice is hereby given that TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. (TUV) has made application pursuant to 29 CFR 1910.7, for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory for the programs and procedures listed below. TUV previously made application pursuant to 29 CFR 1910.7, for recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (58 FR 61101, 11/19/93), and was so recognized (60 FR 42594, 8/16/95).

The address of the TUV laboratory covered by this application is: TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., 12 Commerce Road, Newton, Connecticut 06470.

Background

This **Federal Register** notice announces TUV's application for additional programs and procedures, dated September 15, 1997 (see Exhibit 13D). This application supplements TUV's request for expansion of its recognition for additional test standards, received on January 13, 1997 (see Exhibit 13C), and since modified by TUV. OSHA announced this request of January 13 in a separate notice, which incorrectly shows May 12, 1997 as the date of the request. The final notice(s) for the overall expansion will reflect the correct information.

TUV requests expansion of its recognition, based upon the conditions as detailed in the **Federal Register** document titled "Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories; Clarification of the Types of Programs and Procedures," (60 FR 12980, 3/9/95), for the following programs and procedures:

1. Acceptance of testing data from independent organizations, other than NRTLs.
2. Acceptance of product evaluations from independent organizations, other than NRTLs.
3. Acceptance of witnessed testing data.
4. Acceptance of product evaluations from organizations that function as part of the International Electrotechnical Commission Certification Body (IEC-CB) Scheme.
5. Acceptance of services (other than testing or evaluation) performed by subcontractors or agents.

In a recommendation dated November 25, 1997, the NRTL staff recommended that TUV's recognition be expanded to include these additional programs and procedures.

Preliminary Finding

Based upon a review of the complete application, and the recommendations of the staff, including the recommendation dated November 25, 1997, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. can meet the requirements as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for the expansion of its recognition to include the five (5) programs and procedures previously listed.

All interested members of the public are invited to supply detailed reasons and evidence supporting or challenging the sufficiency of the applicant's having met the requirements for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory, as required by 29 CFR 1910.7 and Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. Submission of pertinent written documents and exhibits shall be made no later than the last date for comments (see **DATES** above), and submitted to the address provided above (see **ADDRESSES**). Copies of the TUV application letters and supporting documentation, the recommendation on the programs and procedures, and all submitted comments, as received, are available for inspection and duplication (under Docket No. NRTL-3-92) at the Docket Office, Room N2634, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address.

The Assistant Secretary's final decision on whether the applicant (TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.) satisfies the requirements for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL will be made on the basis of the entire record including the public submissions and any further proceedings that the Assistant Secretary may consider to be appropriate in accordance with Appendix A to Section 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 23rd day of December, 1997.

Charles N. Jeffress,
Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting

AGENCY: National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education will have

their last public meeting January 21, 1998, and releasing the Final Report to Congress.

DATE AND TIME: January 21, 1998; 12:30 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Washington, D.C.; specific location to be announced.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carmelita Pratt, Administrative Officer, National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education, 1615 M Street, N.W., Suite 240, Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone (202) 634–6501. Facsimile: (202) 634–6038.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education was established by Pub. L. 105–18, dated June 12, 1997. Transcripts are kept of all public Commission proceedings and are available for Public inspection at the offices of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education, 1615 M Street, N.W., Suite 240, Washington, D.C. 20036. Contact Carmelita Pratt at the phone number listed above.

Carmelita Pratt,

Administrative Officer.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Council on the Humanities; Meeting

January 5, 1998.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public L. 92–463, as amended), notice is hereby given that meetings of the National Council on the Humanities will be held in Washington, D.C. on January 26 and 30, 1998.

The purpose of the meetings is to advise the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out his functions.

The meetings will be held in the Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Because the Council will consider information the disclosure of which would significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action, the meetings will not be open to the public pursuant to subsection (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code. I have made this determination under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

Further information about these meetings can be obtained from Ms.

Nancy Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, Washington, D.C. 20506, Telephone (202) 606–8322, TDD (202) 606–8282.

Nancy E. Weiss,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (1186); Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces that the Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (1186) will be holding panel meetings for the purpose of reviewing proposals submitted to the Planetary Astronomy Program in the area of Astronomical Sciences. In order to review the large volume of proposals, panel meetings will be held on January 21 and 22, 1998. (2). All meetings will be closed to the public and will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Contact Person: Dr. Vernon L. Pankonin, Program Director, Galactic Astronomy, Division of Astronomical Sciences, National Science Foundation, Room 1030, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306–1826.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (1186); Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces that the Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (1186) will be holding panel meetings for the purpose of reviewing proposals submitted to the Extragalactic

Astronomy and Cosmology Program in the area of Astronomical Sciences. In order to review the large volume of proposals, panel meetings will be held on January 29 and 30, 1998 (3) and February 4 and 5, 1998 (3). All meetings will be closed to the public and will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm each day.

Contact Person: Dr. Sethanne Howard, Program Director, Extragalactic Astronomy and Cosmology, Division of Astronomical Sciences, National Science Foundation, Room 1045, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306–1827.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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