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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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[david.alderman@nist.gov](mailto: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](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,  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cuong.nguyen@nist.gov) and his phone number is (301) 975-2254.

Dated: March 20, 2013.

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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](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.