

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Announcement of the American Petroleum Institute's Standards Activities**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent to develop or revise standards and request for public comment and participation in standards development.

SUMMARY: The American Petroleum Institute (API), with the assistance of other interested parties, continues to develop standards, both national and international, in several areas. This notice lists the standardization efforts currently being conducted by API committees. The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of API is being undertaken as a public service. NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend the standards referenced.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All contact individuals listed in the supplementary information section of this notice may be reached at the American Petroleum Institute.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The American Petroleum Institute develops and publishes voluntary standards for equipment, materials, operations, and processes for the petroleum and natural gas industry. These standards are used by both private industry and by governmental agencies. All interested persons should contact the appropriate source as listed for further information.

Pipeline Committee

New (1160) Pipe Integrity in High Consequence Areas (HCAs)

New (1133) Guidelines for Onshore Hydrocarbon Pipelines Crossing Floodplains

1109 Marking Liquid Petroleum Pipeline Facilities

1129 Assurance of Hazardous Liquid Pipeline System Integrity

1130 Computational Pipeline Monitoring

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Committee on Marketing

New (1582) Similarity Calculations and Software for Aviation Jet Fuel Filter/Separators

2610 Design, Construction, Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection of Terminal and Tank Facilities

1621 Bulk Liquid Stock Control at Retail Outlets

1584 Four-inch Aviation Hydrant System

1585 Guidance for Cleaning Hydrant Systems

1004 Bottom Loading and Vapor Recovery for MC-306 Tank Motor Vehicles

2510 Design and Construction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Installations

1501 Recommended Practice for Retail or Consumer Aviation Fueling Facilities

1560 Lubricant Service Designations for Automotive Manual Transmissions, Manual Transaxles, and Axles

1621 Bulk Liquid Stock Control

1631 Interior Lining of Underground Storage Tanks

1637A Equipment Marking Color System Chart

For Further Information Contact: David Soffrin, Standards and Training Resource Group, email: soffrind@api.org.

Committee on Refining

575 Inspection of Atmospheric & Low Pressure Storage Tanks

577 Welding Inspection and Metallurgy

530 Calculation of Heater Tube Thickness in Petroleum Refineries

661 Air-Cooled Heat Exchangers

662 Plate Heat Exchangers

598 Fire Test for Evaluation of Valve Stem Packing

599 Metal Plug Valves

600 Steel Gate Valves

608 Metal Ball Valves

620 Design & Construction of Large Welded LP Tanks

650 Welded Steel Tanks for Oil Storage

653 Tank Repair, Inspection, and Alteration

610 Centrifugal Pumps

612 Steam Turbines

617 Centrifugal Compressors

673 Centrifugal Air Compressors

682 Shaft Sealing Systems for Centrifugal and Rotary Pumps

687 Rotor Repair

541 FWSC Induction Motors

545 Lightning Protection for Storage Tanks

552 Transmission Systems

526 Flanged Steel Pressure Relief Valves

Meetings/Conferences: The Spring Refining Meeting will be held May 7-9, 2001, in Atlanta, Georgia at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The Fall Refining Meeting will be held September 24-26, 2001, in Los Angeles, California at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Interested parties may visit the API Events calendar at <http://www.api.org/events> for more information regarding participation in these meetings.

For Further Information Contact: David Miller, Standards and Training Resource Group, email: miller@api.org.

Committee on Safety and Fire Protection

2003 Venting Atmospheric and Low-Pressure Tanks

2015 Standard on Safe Entry and Cleaning of Petroleum Storage Tanks

New (2016) Recommended Practice for Safe Entry and Cleaning of Petroleum Tanks

2023 Guide for Safe Storage of Asphalt

2027 Ignition Hazards

2028 Flame Arrestors for Piping Systems

2216 Ignition Risks of Vapors

2350 Overfill Protection

For Further Information Contact: David Soffrin, Standards and Training Resource Group, email: soffrind@api.org.

Committee on Petroleum Measurement

2.2C Calibration of Tanks by Optimal Methods

7.0 Temperature Determination

8 Sampling, Parts 1-4

9.1 Hydrometer Test of Crude Oil

9.2 Pressure Hydrometer Test Method for Density or Relative Density

9.3 TH Test Method for Density and API Gravity of Crude

10.1 Determination of Sediment in Crude Oil

10.3 Determination of Water and Sediment in Crude Oil

10.5 Determination of Water in Petroleum Products by Distillation

10.6 Determination of Water in Petroleum Products by Centrifuge

10.6 Test for Water in Crude Oil by KF Method

10.9 Test for Water in Crude Oil by CKF Method

11.1 VCF, incorporating all Chapter 11.1 Volume I through Volume XIV,

11.2.1, 11.2.1M

New (11.2) Compressibility Factors

14.1 Natural Gas Sampling

15 SI Guidelines

19.1 Fixed Roof Tanks

19.3 Part D, Fugitive Emissions

Draft Standard of Measurement of Crude Oil by Coriolis Meter

Meetings/Conferences: The Spring Measurement Meeting will be held

March 26–30, 2001, in San Antonio, Texas at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The Fall Measurement Meeting will be held October 15–19, 2001, in Memphis, Tennessee at the Peabody Hotel. Interested parties may visit the API Events calendar at <http://www.api.org/events> for more information regarding participation in these meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Noxon, Standards and Training Resource Group, email: noxonj@api.org.

Committee on Exploration and Production:

- 2B Offshore Tubulars
- 2C Offshore Cranes
- 2MT1 Carbon Manganese Steel Plates
- 5B Threading and Gauging
- 5CT Casing & Tubing
- 5L Line Pipe
- 6A Valves and Wellhead Equipment
- 6AF Capabilities of API Flanges
- 6D Pipeline Valves
- 6J Testing Elastomers
- 4F Drilling & Well Servicing Equipment
- 7 Rotary Drill Stem Elements
- 7K Drilling Equipment
- 7L Inspection, Maintenance, Repair & Remanufacture of Drilling Equipment
- 8A Drilling & Production Hoisting Equipment
- 8B Inspection, Maintenance, Repair & Remanufacture of Hoisting Equipment
- 8C Drilling & Production Hoisting Equipment, PSL1/2
- 10A Well Cements
- 10D Casing Centralizers
- New Packer Specification
- 11S4 Sizing & Selection of ESPIS
- 13A Drilling Fluid Materials
- 13B–2 Field Testing Oil-based Fluids
- New (14FZ) Offshore Electrical Systems/Zone Classification
- 14J Offshore Hazards Analysis
- 15HR High Pressure Pipe
- 15LE PE Pipe
- 15LR Low Pressure Pipe
- 16C Choke & Kill Systems
- 16D Control Systems
- 17A Design and Operation of Subsea Production Systems
- 17B Flexible Pipe
- 17C TFL Systems
- New (17F) Design and Operation of Subsea Production Control Systems
- 17J Unbonded Flexible Pipe
- New (17K) Bonded Flexible Pipe
- 59 Well Control Practices
- 64 Diverter Systems
- T2 Training Personnel using OSAPE

Meetings/Conferences: The Summer Standardization Measurement Meeting will be held June 25–29, 2001, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Interested parties may visit the API Events calendar at <http://www.api.org/events> for more information regarding participation in this meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries Finance Program; Program Notice

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

ACTION: Notice of Federal fisheries loan availability

SUMMARY: The Fisheries Finance Program (FFP) has a \$23.7 million loan authority in fiscal year 2001. NMFS now accepts loan applications from qualified applicants. Until April 1, 2001, NMFS reserves all loan funds for certain priority lending purposes. If any loan funds remain unreserved after April 1, 2001, they are available for non-priority lending purposes as well.

DATES: Effective March 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: (1) *Applicants in the Alaskan, Northwest, and Southwest Regions:* Kimberly Ott, Northwest Financial Services Branch (F/SF23), 7600 Sand Point Way, NE (BIN C15700), Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115;

(2) *Applicants in the Northeast Region:* Leo Erwin, Northeast Financial Services Branch (F/SF21), One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; and

(3) *Applicants in the Southeast Region:* Kell Freeman, Southeast Financial Services Branch (F/SF22), 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. Grable, 301-713-2390, fax 301-713-1306, E-mail Michael.Grable@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

(1) *Notice purpose.* The notice's purpose is to:

(a) Announce the availability of FFP loans;

(b) Describe the FFP's lending purposes;

(c) Explain the amount of loan authority available in fiscal year 2001;

(d) Establish the basis for selecting backlogged loan applications for the \$5 million FFP loan authority dedicated to purchasing halibut and sablefish individual fishing quota (IFQ);

(e) Establish priority lending purposes for which NMFS until April 1, 2001, reserves the \$18.7 million non-dedicated loan authority;

(f) Establish non-priority lending purposes for which NMFS allows any of the \$18.7 million unreserved on and after April 1, 2001 to be used; and

(g) Provide for a fiscal year 2002 waiting list for potential loan applicants for whom sufficient fiscal year 2001 loan authority is unavailable.

(2) *FFP description.* The FFP is a direct loan program under Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended. Debt maturities can be up to 25 years, but not longer than the financed property's economically useful life. Interest rates, which are fixed, equal the U.S. Treasury's borrowing cost at the time the loan is funded plus 2 percent. There are no prepayment penalties. Loans may equal 80 percent of financed property's depreciated cost, and may generally be either original financing or refinancing of existing loans.

FFP loans generally require experienced fisheries borrowers with strong primary and secondary means of repayment, including personal guarantees.

FFP loans generally have longer maturities and somewhat lower interest rates than private fisheries credit. This stretches the service of lower-cost FFP debt over a longer repayment period more consistent with cyclical fisheries economics.

For further FFP details, see the FFP's operating rules at 50 CFR part 253, subpart B.

(3) *FFP lending purposes.* These are the FFP's statutory lending purposes:

(a) Fishing vessel construction, reconstruction, reconditioning, and acquisition. The FFP rules, however, prohibit loans that increase existing harvesting capacity. FFP loans may not, consequently, originally finance either vessel construction or reconstruction that increases vessel harvesting capacity. Nevertheless, FFP loans remain available for refinancing existing