

Pressure Correlation for Commercial NGLs.

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*Meetings/Conferences:* The Fall Committee on Petroleum Measurement Meeting will take place at the Intercontinental New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana October 31–November 3, 2005. Interested parties may visit the API Web site at <http://www.api.org/events> for more information regarding participation in these meetings.

#### *Committee on Exploration and Production*

##### *Production Equipment*

Spec 6D, Addendum to 22nd edition, Pipeline Valves.

RP 6DR, 1st edition, Repair and Remanufacture of Pipeline Valves.

RP 6HT, 1st edition, Heat Treatment and Testing of Large Cross Section and Critical Section Components.

Spec 14A, 11th edition, Subsurface Safety Valve Equipment (National Adoption of ISO 10432).

RP 14B, 5th edition, Design, Installation, Repair and Operation of Subsurface Safety Valve Systems (National Adoption of ISO 10417).

##### *Oil Country Tubular Goods*

Oil Country Tubular Goods Tonnage Report.

Line Pipe Tonnage Report.

Spec 5CT, 8th edition, Casing & Tubing (National Adoption of ISO 11960).

RP 5UE, 2nd edition, Ultrasonic Evaluation of Pipe Imperfections.

##### *Offshore Structures, Drill Through Equipment, and Subsea Production Equipment*

RP 2A–WSD, Supplement to 21st edition, Planning, Designing and Constructing Fixed Offshore Platforms—Working Stress Design.

RP 2SK, 3rd edition, Design and Analysis of Stationkeeping Systems for Floating Structures.

RP 2Z, 4th edition, Preproduction Qualification for Steel Plates for Offshore Structures.

RP 17A, 4th edition, Design and Operation of Subsea Systems (National Adoption of ISO 13628–1).

RP 17G, 2nd edition, Design and Operation of Completion/Workover Riser Systems (National Adoption of ISO 13628–7).

Spec 17K, 2nd edition, Bonded Flexible Pipe (National Adoption of ISO 13628–10).

##### *Drilling Operations and Equipment*

Spec 4F, 3rd edition, Drilling and Well Servicing Structures (National Adoption of ISO 13626).

Spec 7K, 4th edition, Drilling and Well Servicing Equipment (National Adoption of ISO 14693).

Spec 7NRV, 1st edition, Drill String Non-Return Valves.

RP 9B, 12th edition, Wire Roper.

RP 10B, 23rd edition, Testing Well Cements (National Adoption of ISO 10426–2).

RP 10B–5, 1st edition, Determination of Shrinkage and Expansion of Well Cement Formulation at Atmospheric Pressure (National Adoption of ISO 10426–5).

RP 13B–2, 4th edition, Standard Procedures for Field Testing Oil-based Drilling Fluids (National Adoption of ISO 10414–2).

RP 13D, 5th edition, Rheology and Hydraulics of Oil Well Drilling Fluids.

Spec 16C, 2nd edition, Choke and Kill Systems.

Spec 16RCD, 1st edition, Drill Through Equipment/Rotating Control Devices.

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*Meetings/Conferences:* The 2005 Summer Standardization Conference on Oilfield Equipment & Materials will take place at the Hyatt Regency Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada June 27–July 1, 2005. Interested parties may visit the API Web site at <http://www.api.org/events> for more information regarding participation in this meeting.

##### **Executive Committee on Drilling and Production Operations**

RP 2D, 6th edition, Operation and Maintenance of Offshore Cranes.

RP 14G, 3rd edition, Fire Prevention and Control on Open-type Offshore Production Platforms.

RP 59, 1st edition, Well Control.

RP 86 (tentative designation), 1st edition, Well Rate Determination.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Institute of Standards and Technology**

[Docket No.: 050329086–5086–01]

#### **Proposed Voluntary Product Standard (PS) 20–05 “American Softwood Lumber Standard”**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is distributing a proposed revision of Voluntary Product Standard (PS) 20–99, “American Softwood Lumber Standard.” This standard, prepared by the American Lumber Standard Committee, serves the procurement and regulatory needs of numerous federal, state, and local government agencies by providing for uniform, industry-wide grade-marking and inspection requirements for softwood lumber. The implementation of the standard also allows for uniform labeling and auditing of treated wood and, through a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, labeling and auditing of wood packaging materials for international trade. As part of a five-year review process, NIST is seeking public comment and invites interested parties to review the revised standard and submit comments.

**DATES:** Written comments regarding the proposed revision, PS 20–05, should be submitted to the Standards Services Division, NIST, no later than June 20, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** An electronic copy (in PDF) of the proposed standard, PS 20–05, can be obtained at the following Web site <http://ts.nist.gov/docvps>. This site also includes an electronic copy of PS 20–99 (the existing standard), a summary of major recommended changes, and a form for submitting comments. Written comments on the standard should be submitted to Ms. JoAnne Overman, Standards Services Division, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2150, Gaithersburg, MD, 20899–2150; fax (301) 975–5414. Electronic comments may be submitted via e-mail to [joanne.overman@nist.gov](mailto:joanne.overman@nist.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Department of Commerce procedures

established in Title 15 Code of Federal Regulations Part 10, Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards, and administered by NIST, the American Lumber Standard Committee acts as the Standing Committee for PS 20–99, American Softwood Lumber Standard, responsible for maintaining, revising, and interpreting the standard. The Committee is comprised of producers, distributors, users, and others with an interest in the standard.

Voluntary Product Standard (PS) 20–05 establishes standard sizes and requirements for developing and coordinating the lumber grades of the various species of lumber, the assignment of design values, and the preparation of grading rules applicable to each species. Its provisions include implementation of the standard through an accreditation and certification program; establishment of principal trade classifications and lumber sizes for yard, structural, and factory/shop use; classification, measurement, grading, and grade-marking of lumber; definitions of terms and procedures to provide a basis for the use of uniform methods in the grading inspection, measurement, and description of softwood lumber; commercial names of the principal softwood species; definitions of terms used in describing standard grades of lumber; and commonly used industry abbreviations. The standard also includes the organization and functions of the American Lumber Standard Committee, the Board of Review, and the National Grading Rule Committee.

In addition to format, terminology, updates and general clarification, this revision makes the following major recommendations: (1) Section 2.2, Board measure, adds calculation of board feet for pieces of lumber less than 1" in thickness; (2) Section 2.12, Heat treated (HT), adds a definition for heat treated lumber; (3) Table 3, Nominal and minimum-dressed sizes of boards, dimensions, and timbers, adds dry timber sizes as shown in amended Table 3; (4) Sections 6.2.3.1, and 6.2.5.1, on dry and green size requirements, respectively, adds language that recognizes that lumber shrinks or expands depending on its moisture content; (5) Section 7.3.3, concerning grade marking, defines bundled lumber; (6) Section 10, Board of Review, is reformatted; (7) Section 11.3, Composition of National Grading Rule Committee, deletes old building code organizations and adds new building code organizations represented on the Committee and adds membership to the Committee as indicated; and (8)

Appendix A, Commercial Names of the Principal Softwood Species, deletes species groups and adds additional species.

All public comments will be reviewed and considered. The American Lumber Standard Committee and NIST will revise the standard accordingly.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Movement of Barges through the Beaufort Sea between West Dock and Cape Simpson or Point Lonely, Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application and proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from FEX L.P. (FEX), a subsidiary of Talisman Energy, Inc for an authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment incidental to conducting a barging operation within the U.S. Beaufort Sea. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to authorize FEX to incidentally take, by harassment, small numbers of bowhead whales, beluga whales, ringed seals, bearded seals, and spotted seals in the above mentioned area between approximately July 1 and November 30, 2005.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than June 6, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the application should be addressed to Steve Leathery, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3225, or by telephoning the contact listed here. The mailbox address for providing email comments is [PR1.040805A@noaa.gov](mailto:PR1.040805A@noaa.gov). NMFS is not responsible for e-mail comments sent to addresses other than the one provided here. Comments sent via e-mail, including all attachments, must not

exceed a 10–megabyte file size. A copy of the application containing a list of the references used in this document may be obtained by writing to this address or by telephoning the contact listed here and is also available at: [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot\\_res/PR2/Small\\_Take/smalltake\\_info.htm#applications](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res/PR2/Small_Take/smalltake_info.htm#applications). Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at this address.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713–2289, ext 128, or Brad Smith, Alaska Region, NMFS, (907) 271–3023.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses, and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as “...an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.”

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as:

any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild [Level A harassment]; or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering [Level B harassment].