

1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act, or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

The information collection requirements in the DBCP Standard provide protection for workers from the adverse health effects associated with exposure to DBCP. In this regard, the DBCP Standard requires employers to: Monitor workers' exposure to DBCP; monitor worker health; and provide workers with information about their exposures and the health effects of exposure to DBCP.

## II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- the accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

## III. Proposed Actions

After extensive research, OSHA found no U.S. employer who currently produces DBCP or DBCP-based end-use products, most likely because the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration suspension for this substance remains in effect; therefore, no cost or time burdens accrue to employers under the Standard. The agency requests OMB approval of the information collection provisions as a one hour burden under the paperwork requirements if EPA lifts the suspension or technology develops new applications for DBCP.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 1, 2-Dibromo-3-Chloropropane (DBCP) Standard (29 CFR 1910.1044).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0101.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* 0.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$0.

## IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows: (1) Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2012-0010). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled **ADDRESSES**). The additional materials must clearly identify electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, TTY (877) 889-5627).

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as their social security number and date of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (*e.g.*, copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download from this website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office.

Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available from the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

## V. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 30, 2018.

**Loren Sweatt,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2007-0041]

#### FM Approvals LLC: Grant of Expansion of Recognition and Modification to the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, OSHA announces its final decision to expand the scope of recognition for FM Approvals, LLC (FM), as a NRTL. In addition, OSHA announces the addition of four test standards to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards.

**DATES:** The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes applicable on August 3, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

*Press inquiries:* Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, telephone: (202) 693-1999, email: [meilinger.francis2@dol.gov](mailto:meilinger.francis2@dol.gov).

*General and technical information:* Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693-2110 or email: [robinson.kevin@dol.gov](mailto:robinson.kevin@dol.gov). OSHA's web page includes information about the NRTL Program (see <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Notice of Final Decision**

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of FM Approvals, LLC, as a NRTL. FM’s expansion covers the addition of 24 test standards to its scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified by 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification of the products.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL’s scope of recognition or

modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL that details its scope of recognition. These pages are available from the Agency’s website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

FM submitted an application, dated July 15, 2016 (OSHA–2007–0041–0008) to expand its recognition to include 28 additional test standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. In reviewing the application, OSHA determined that three of the requested standards had been withdrawn by the controlling standards development organization; therefore, OSHA cannot add those three standards to FM’s NRTL scope of recognition. Additionally, one of the requested standards, ISA 60079–26, has been superseded by UL 60079–26, which was also included in FM’s expansion application. Accordingly, OSHA will add the active standard, not the superseded one, and OSHA will grant recognition to 24 standards in the final expansion. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing FM’s expansion application in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 2018 (83 FR 22523). The

Agency requested comments by May 30, 2018, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA now is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of FM’s scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to FM’s application, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N–3653, Washington, DC 20210. Docket No. OSHA–2007–0041 contains all materials in the record concerning FM’s recognition.

**II. Final Decision and Order**

OSHA staff examined FM’s expansion application, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that FM meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the specified limitation and conditions listed below. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant FM’s scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of FM’s recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the test standards listed below in Table 1.

TABLE 1—LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN FM’S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 50 .....	Enclosures for Electrical Equipment, Non-Environmental Considerations.
UL 50E .....	Enclosures for Electrical Equipment, Environmental Considerations.
UL 60079–0 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 0: Equipment—General Requirements.
ISA 60079–0 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 0: Equipment—General Requirements.
UL 60079–1 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 1: Equipment Protection by Flameproof Enclosures “d”.
ISA 60079–1 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 1: Equipment Protection by Flameproof Enclosures “d”.
UL 60079–2 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 2: Equipment Protection by Pressurized Enclosure “p”.
UL 60079–5 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 5: Equipment Protection by Powder Filling “q”.
UL 60079–6 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmosphere—Part 6: Equipment Protection by Liquid Immersion “o”.
ISA 60079–6 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmosphere—Part 6: Equipment Protection by Liquid Immersion “o”.
UL 60079–7 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 7: Equipment Protection by Increased Safety “e”.
ISA 60079–7 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 7: Equipment Protection by Increased Safety “e”.
UL 60079–11 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 11: Equipment Protection by Intrinsic Safety “i”.
ISA 60079–11 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 11: Equipment Protection by Intrinsic Safety “i”.
UL 60079–15 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 15: Equipment Protection by Type of Protection “n”.
ISA 60079–15 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 15: Equipment Protection by Type of Protection “n” (Edition 4).
UL 60079–18 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 18: Equipment Protection by Encapsulation “m”.
UL 60079–25 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 25: Intrinsically Safe Electrical Systems.
ISA 60079–25 *	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 25: Intrinsically Safe Electrical Systems.
UL 60079–26 * ..	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 26: Equipment with Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Ga.
UL 60079–28 * ..	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 28: Protection of Equipment and Transmission Systems Using Optical Radiation.
ISA 60079–28 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 28: Protection of Equipment and Transmission Systems Using Optical Radiation, Edition 1.1.
UL 60079–31 * ..	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 31: Equipment Dust Ignition Protection by Enclosure “t”.
ISA 60079–31 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 31: Equipment Dust Ignition Protection by Enclosure “t”.

\* Represents a standard that OSHA proposes to add to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards.

In this notice, OSHA also announces the addition of four new test standards

to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards. Table 2,

below, lists the test standards that are new to the NRTL Program. OSHA has

determined that these test standards are appropriate test standards and will include them in the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards.

TABLE 2—TEST STANDARDS OSHA IS ADDING TO THE NRTL PROGRAM'S LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS

Test standard	Test standard title
ISA 60079–25 ...	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 25: Intrinsically Safe Electrical Systems.
UL 60079–26 ....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 26: Equipment with Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Ga.
UL 60079–28 ....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 28: Protection of Equipment and Transmission Systems Using Optical Radiation.
UL 60079–31 ....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 31: Equipment Dust Ignition Protection Enclosure “t”.

OSHA's recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to equipment or materials for which OSHA standards require third-party testing and certification before using them in the workplace. Consequently, if a test standard also covers any products for which OSHA does not require such testing and certification, a NRTL's scope of recognition does not include these products.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) may approve the test standards listed above as American National Standards. However, for convenience, the use of the designation of the standards-developing organization for the standard as opposed to the ANSI designation may occur. Under the NRTL Program's policy (see OSHA Instruction CPL 1–0.3, Appendix C, paragraph XIV), any NRTL recognized for a particular test standard may use either the proprietary version of the test standard or the ANSI version of that standard. Contact ANSI to determine whether a test standard is currently ANSI-approved.

#### A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, FM must abide by the following conditions of the recognition:

1. FM must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in its operations as a NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);

2. FM must meet all the terms of its recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and

3. FM must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on FM's scope of recognition, in all areas for which it has recognition.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby expands the scope of recognition of FM, subject to the limitation and conditions specified above.

#### Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 30, 2018.

**Loren Sweatt,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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#### OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

##### Notice of Request for Information: Establishing a Government Effectiveness Advanced Research (GEAR) Center

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for information: Establishing a Government Effectiveness Advanced Research (GEAR) Center.

**SUMMARY:** The Executive Office of the President seeks input from across sectors and disciplines on capabilities that already exist as well as key considerations in pursuing the Government Effectiveness Advanced Research (GEAR) Center initiative through a request for information (RFI) now available on [www.Performance.gov/GEARcenter](http://www.Performance.gov/GEARcenter).

The Federal Government intends to pursue a Government Effectiveness Advanced Research (GEAR) Center, which would be a public-private partnership focused on applied research that improves mission delivery, citizen services, and stewardship of public resources, as proposed in *Delivering Government Solutions for the 21st Century: Reform Plan and Reorganization Recommendations*. This

non-governmental, public-private partnership would address operational and strategic challenges facing the Federal Government, both now and into the future, by engaging researchers, academics, non-profits, and private industry across an array of disciplines, such as data science, organizational behavior, and user-centered design.

Through applied research and live pilot testing, the GEAR Center would connect cutting-edge thinking with real-world challenges the Federal Government faces in serving Americans in the Digital Age. This means re-imagining possibilities for how citizens interact with the Government; rethinking the delivery of citizen services and data; reforming core processes (e.g., procurement, budget, IT investment and capital allocation); and exploring how the public-sector workforce can be developed, reskilled and redeployed in creative ways.

**DATES:** September 14, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submissions are due on September 14, 2018 through email to [performance@omb.eop.gov](mailto:performance@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Instructions for Written Responses

Interested parties should provide written responses to the questions outlined in the “Purpose of This RFI” section. Submissions are due on September 14, 2018 through email to [performance@omb.eop.gov](mailto:performance@omb.eop.gov).

Please include the below in your response, *limiting this portion of your response to one page*:

- The name of the individual(s) and/or organization responding.
- A brief description of the responding individual(s) or organization's mission and/or areas of expertise, including any public-private partnership work within the past three years with Federal, State, or local governments that is relevant to applied research on workforce reskilling and data commercialization.
- A contact for questions or other follow-up on your response.