

**IV. Authority and Signature**

Amanda Laihow, Principal 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. 7–2025 (90 FR 27878, June 30, 2025), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 12, 2026.

**Amanda Laihow,**

*Principal 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–2013–0016]

**Nemko North America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for Nemko North America, Inc. as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

**DATES:** The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on February 18, 2026.

**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, U.S. Department of Labor; 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) 693–1911; 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 for Nemko North America, Inc. (NNA). NNA’s expansion covers the addition of

three test standards to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 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. Each NRTL’s scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by its applicable test standard; and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL’s scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes an application by a NRTL for initial recognition and for an expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A, 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. In the second notice, the agency provides the 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, including NNA, which details the NRTL’s scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at: <https://www.osha.gov/nationally-recognized-testing-laboratory-program>.

NNA submitted an application to OSHA for expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition on July 30, 2024 (OSHA–2013–0016–0033), requesting the expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition to include three additional test standards. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews with respect to this application.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing NNA’s expansion application in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 2025 (90 FR 61415). The agency requested comments by January 15, 2026, however no comments were received in response to this notice.

To review copies of all public documents pertaining to NNA’s application, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at (202) 693–2350. Docket No.

OSHA–2013–0016 contains all materials in the record concerning NNA’s recognition. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 for assistance in locating docket submissions.

**II. Final Decision and Order**

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

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

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 1310 .....	Class 2 Power Units.
UL 1778 .....	Uninterruptible Power Supply Equipment.*
UL 60730–1 .....	Automatic Electrical Controls—Part 1: General Requirements.

\* OSHA notes that the title to this standard in the table is taken from OSHA’s List of Appropriate Test Standards (see <https://www.osha.gov/nationally-recognized-testing-laboratory-program/list-standards>). This title is not the same as the title currently used by the Standards Developing Organization that issued the test standard. OSHA intends to update the List of Appropriate Test Standards to reflect the currently used title in the near future.

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, OSHA may use the designation of the standards-developing organization for the standard as opposed

to the ANSI designation. Under the NRTL Program's policy (see OSHA Instruction CPL 01-00-004, Chapter 2, Section VIII), 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

Recognition is contingent on continued compliance with 29 CFR 1910.7, including but not limited to, abiding by the following conditions of recognition:

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

3. NNA must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on NNA'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 NNA as a NRTL, subject to the limitations and conditions specified above.

### III. Authority and Signature

Amanda Laihow, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, 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. 7-2025 (90 FR 27878; June 30, 2025), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 12, 2026.

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[NASA Document Number: 26-011]

### Categorical Exclusion Adoption Public Notice

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of adoption of categorical exclusions.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 109 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), NASA is adopting one or more categorical exclusions (CATEXs) established by the Federal Rail Administration (FRA), Department of Energy (DOE), National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Department of the Army (DA), Department of the Air Force (DAF), Department of the Navy, Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). These CATEXs cover actions of the same nature and scope as those originally reviewed by the originating agency or agencies. NASA has determined that applying them to similar NASA activities is appropriate and consistent with NEPA. This notice describes the categories of proposed actions for which NASA intends to use the CATEXs and describes the consultation between the agencies.

**DATES:** The categorical exclusion adoption is effective February 18, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nick Murdock, NASA Headquarters, Environmental Management Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), by phone at 321-338-6816 or by email at [nicholas.a.murdock@nasa.gov](mailto:nicholas.a.murdock@nasa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

##### NEPA and CATEXs

NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, as amended, requires all Federal agencies to assess the environmental impact of their actions. Congress enacted NEPA to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between humans and the environment, recognizing the profound impact of human activity and the importance of restoring and maintaining environmental quality to the overall welfare of humankind. NEPA's twin aims are to ensure agencies consider the environmental effects of their proposed actions in decision-making processes and to inform and involve the public in those processes.

In accordance with NEPA, agencies determine the appropriate level of environmental review—an environmental impact statement (EIS), environmental assessment (EA), or categorical exclusion (CATEX). If a proposed action is likely to have reasonably foreseeable significant effects, the agency must prepare an EIS

and document its decision in a record of decision. If the proposed action is not likely to have reasonably foreseeable significant environmental effects or if the effects are unknown, the agency may prepare an EA, which involves a more concise analysis and process than an EIS. Following the EA, if the action will have no significant effects, the agency issues a finding of no significant impact. However, if the EA shows likely significant effects that cannot be mitigated, an EIS is required.

Under NEPA, a federal agency may also establish CATEXs—categories of actions that normally do not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment—in their agency NEPA procedures. If a proposed action falls within a CATEX, the agency evaluates whether any extraordinary circumstances exist that indicate a normally excluded agency action is likely to have a reasonably foreseeable significant adverse effect. If no such circumstances exist, the CATEX can be applied without further NEPA review. If extraordinary circumstances are present that cannot be mitigated, an EA or EIS may be required.

Section 109 of NEPA allows a federal agency to adopt or use another agency's ("establishing agency") CATEX for a category of proposed actions. To do so, the adopting agency must identify the relevant CATEX from the other agency's NEPA procedures that covers its proposed actions; consult with the establishing agency to ensure appropriateness of the adoption; notify the public of the CATEX adoption; and document the adoption.

This notice documents and notifies the public of NASA's adoption of 18 CATEXs established by other federal agencies to use in NASA's programs and funding opportunities. The adopted CATEXs include: B3.11, B4.12, B5.5, and B5.16 established by the DOE at Appendix B to Part 1021, Title 10 and in Appendix B of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures;<sup>1</sup> L22 and L23 established by the USCG at Table 3-1 of the Environmental Planning Implementing Procedures; (c)(20) and (c)(21) established by the FRA at 23 CFR 771.116; USDA-40d-USFS established by the USFS; CATEX 13, CATEX 18 and CATEX 19 established by the MDA at Appendix A of the Department of Defense (DoD) NEPA Implementing Procedures; CATEX 21 established by the DTRA at Appendix A of the Department of Defense (DoD) NEPA Implementing Procedures; CATEX 8 and CATEX 12 established by the DAF at

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.energy.gov/nepa/articles/doe-nepa-implementing-procedures-june-2025>