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<td>A provision in the Section 508 Standards requires that interference to hearing technologies be reduced to the lowest possible level that allows a user of hearing technologies to utilize a telecommunications product. Individuals who are hard of hearing use hearing aids and other assistive listening devices, but they cannot be used if products introduce noise into the listening aids because of electromagnetic interference. The ANSI/IEEE Standard for Hearing Aid Compatibility with Wireless Devices was not completed in time for reference by the agency in its final rule published in FY 2000. However, the agency will consider using the Standard in FY 20007. In the meantime, because the requirement in the agency rule is a performance standard, the agency considers compliance with the VCS to meet the agency Standard.</td>
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the ASTM voluntary standard to provide increased protection to children from the risk of death and serious injury from entrapment.

Government Standard:  FR/Vol. 68, No. 75/Friday, April 18, 2003, pp. 19142-19147, Metal-Cored Candlewicks Containing Lead and Candles With Such Wicks  [Incorporated: 2003]

Voluntary Standard
Voices of Safety International (VOSI) standard on lead in candle wicks

Rationale
The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission found that the VOSI standard is technically unsound, and thus would not result in the elimination or adequate reduction of the risk, and that substantial compliance with it is unlikely. See FR/Vol. 68, No. 75/Friday, April 18, 2003, pp. 19145-19146, paragraph H2, Voluntary Standards for further information on this finding.

Agency:  Department of Labor (DOL)


Voluntary Standard
SAE J1194-1999

Rationale
Many consensus standards were relied upon for various provisions in the final rule. The primary VCS that applies directly to ROPS is SAE J1194-1999 which incorporates by reference several other VCSs. If SAE J1194-1999 was adopted into the OSHA provisions, the regulated community would have to consult not only the primary VCS but all of the VCSs that are incorporated into it as well. OSHA believes it is less burdensome for the regulated community to use one OSHA
standard rather than require the purchase and use of several VCSs.


Voluntary Standard

Rationale
The MSHA rule is a design-specific standards. The NFPA and IEEE standards were used as a source for the rule; however, the exact requirements of the rule were tailored to apply specifically to electric circuits and equipment used in the coal mining industry.


Voluntary Standard

Rationale
The OSHA standard addresses only workplace conditions whereas the NFPA Life Safety Code goes beyond workplaces. However, in the final rule OSHA stated that it had evaluated the NFPA Standard 101, Life Safety Code, (NFPA 101-2000) and concluded that it provided comparable safety to the Exit Route Standards. Therefore, the Agency stated that any employer who complied with the NFPA 101-2000 instead of the OSHA Standard for Exit Routes would be in compliance.


Voluntary Standard
NFPA 312-2000 Standard for Protection of Vessels During Construction, Repair, and Lay-Up

Rationale
Many consensus standards were relied on for various provisions in OSHA's final rule, including 15 consensus standards that are incorporated by reference. However, OSHA
and its negotiated rulemaking committee determined that there was no, one consensus standard available that covered all the topics in the rule.


Rationale: The ANSI standard was not incorporated by reference because certain design criteria allowed in the ANSI standard, if implemented in an underground coal mine, could present health or safety hazards. For instance, combustion or incinerating toilets could introduce an ignition source which would create a fire hazard. For certain other design criteria found in the ANSI standard, sewage could seep into the groundwater, or overflow caused by rain or run-off could contaminate portions of the mine.

Government Standard: Steel Erection Standards [Incorporated: 2002]

Rationale: Many consensus standards were relied upon for various provisions in the final rule, but there was no one consensus standard available that covered all of the topics covered by OSHA’s final rule.

Agency: Department of Transportation (DOT)
Voluntary Standard: ANSI Z535.4 - ANSI Requirements for

Rationale: NHTSA explained in the NPRM that the
Color Coded Header Messages for the Different Levels of Hazard

American National Standard Institute (ANSI) has a standard for product safety signs and labels (ANSI Z535.4) that identifies a hierarchy of hazard levels ranging from extremely serious to moderately serious and specifies corresponding hierarchies of signal words, i.e., “danger,” “warning,” and “caution,” and of colors. For the header, the ANSI standard specifies a red background with white text for “danger,” an orange background with black text for “warning,” and a yellow background with black text for caution.

The ANSI standard specifies that pictograms should be black on white, with occasional uses of color for emphasis, and that message text should be black on white. The agency noted in the NPRM that when it earlier updated the requirements for air bag warning labels to require the addition of color and pictograms, it had chosen not to adopt the colors specified in the ANSI standard. NHTSA chose to use yellow instead of orange in the background of the heading for the air bag warning label, even though the word “warning” was used, because of overwhelming focus group preference for yellow. Only two of the 53 participants preferred orange. Participants generally stated that yellow was more eye-catching than orange. Participants also noted that red (stop) and yellow (caution) had meaning to them, but not orange.

NHTSA asked for comment on three color
options for the revised utility vehicle rollover warning label. Proposed label 1 used the ANSI color format with the heading background in orange with the words in black. The remainder of the label had a white background with black text and drawings. Proposed label 2 used a color scheme like the air bag warning labels, which is the same as the ANSI color format except that the background color for the heading in the label is yellow. Proposed label 3 employed the color scheme used in the focus groups - the heading area had a red background with white text. The graphic areas had a yellow background with black and white drawings. The text area had a black background with yellow text.

Despite focus group preference for the signal word “danger,” the agency proposed the use of the word “warning” as more appropriate to the level of risk. The agency also noted that the word “warning” is used in the air bag warning label.

Recognizing that it might encounter additional conflicts between focus group preferences and the ANSI standard in future rulemakings, NHTSA requested comments in the NPRM on the extent to which any final choice regarding colors and signal words should be guided by the focus group preferences instead of the ANSI standard. NHTSA also requested comments on the broader issue of the circumstances in which it would be appropriate for agency
rulemaking decisions to be guided by focus group results or other information when such information is contrary to a voluntary consensus standard such as the ANSI standard.

At this time (February 22, 1999), a final decision is still pending regarding its proposal to upgrade the rollover warning label. As to the general questions it posed in the NPRM, NHTSA recognizes that ANSI’s mission differs somewhat from that of the agency’s focus groups with respect to the labeling of hazardous situations. ANSI’s mission is to develop and maintain a standard for communicating information about a comprehensive hierarchy of hazards, while the focus groups’ mission is to design an effective label for a specific hazard. The agency recognizes further that, given the difference in their missions, their conclusions about the appropriate manner of communication might differ on occasion.

Since agency labeling decisions are highly dependent on the facts regarding the specific hazard being addressed, NHTSA anticipates making case-by-case determinations of the extent to which it should follow voluntary standards versus information from focus groups and other sources. NHTSA will rely on its own expertise and judgement in making determinations under the NTTAA and the statutory provisions regarding vehicle safety standards.

Voluntary Standard

ANSI ISO

Rationale

The Air Bag Warning Label uses yellow as the background color, instead of orange, in accordance with an ANSI standard and uses a graphic developed by Chrysler Corporation to depict the hazards of being too close to an air bag, instead of the graphic recommended by the ISO. These decisions were based on focus group testing sponsored by the agency which strongly indicated that these unique requirements would be far more effective with respect to safety than the industry standards.


Voluntary Standard

SAE J667 - Brake Test Code Inertia Dynamometer (cancelled February 2002)

SAE J1854 - Brake Force Distribution Performance Guide - Trucks and Buses

Rationale

FMCSA used government-unique standards in lieu of voluntary consensus standards when it implemented its final rule to allow inspectors to use performance-based brake testers (PBBTs) to check the brakes on large trucks and buses for compliance with federal safety standards and to issue citations when these vehicles fail (67 FR 51770, August 9, 2002). The FMCSA evaluated several PBBTs during a round robin test series to assess their functional performance and potential use in law enforcement. The standard, a specific configuration of brake forces and wheel loads on a heavy-duty vehicle, was used to evaluate the candidate PBBTs and their operating protocols. The agency’s rationale for use of the government-unique...
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| Agency: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) |
| Government Standard: 40 CFR 89 - Control of Emissions from New and In-Use Non-Road Compression Ignition Engines [Incorporated: 1999] |
| Voluntary Standard | Rationale |
| ISO 8178 - Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines, Exhaust Emission Measurement | Procedures would be impractical because they rely too heavily on reference testing conditions. Agency decides instead to continue to rely on procedures outlined in 40 CFR Part 90. |

<p>| Government Standard: 40 CFR 90 - Control of Emission from Non-Road Spark Ignition Engines at or below 19KV [Incorporated: 1999] |
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ASTM E1979-98 (1998), Standard Practice for Ultrasonic Extraction of Paint, Dust, Soil, and Air Samples for Subsequent Determination of Lead

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ASME C00031 or PTC 19-10-1981 - Part 10  Too broad to be useful in regulatory sense.
Flue and Exhaust Gas Analyses   Covers Methods 3, 6, 7, and 15 with variants.

ASTM D4323-84 (1997) - Standard Test
Method for Hydrogen Sulfide in the
Atmosphere by Rate of Change of
Reflectance  
ASTM D4323 only applies to concentrations of
H2S from 1 ppb to 3 ppm without dilution.
Many QC items are missing, such as
calibration drift and sample line losses. The
 calibration curve is determined with only
one point.

(AOX)  [Incorporated: 1998]
Voluntary Standard  
ISO, DIN, SCAN, and Standard Methods
(SM 5320)  
Rationale
EPA decided to use EPA Method 1650. This
Method was developed by drawing on various
procedures contained in the methods of
voluntary consensus standards bodies and
other standards developers, such as ISO, DIN,
SCAN, and Standard Methods (SM 5320).
However, none of these more narrowly
focused voluntary consensus standards
contained the standardized quality control
and quality control compliance criteria that
EPA requires for data verification and
validation in its water programs. Therefore,
EPA found none of these VCS standing alone
to meet EPA’s needs.

Government Standard: EPA Method 17 - Particle Matter (PM) In Stack
Filtration  [Incorporated: 2001]
Voluntary Standard  
ASME C00049  
Rationale
EPA looked at this standard for both Pulp
and Paper Hazardous Air Pollutant rules and
for the Small Municipal Waste Combustion
rule. Contains sampling options beyond
which would be considered acceptable for
Method 5.

ASTM D3685/3685M-95 - Standard Test method for Sampling and Determination of Particle Matter in Stack Gases

EPA looked at this standard for both Pulp and Paper Hazardous Air Pollutant rules and for the Small Municipal Waste Combustion rule. Contains sampling options beyond which would be considered acceptable for Method 5.

Voluntary Standard

Rationale
This standard lacks key quality control and assurance that is required for EPA Method 18. For example: lacks acceptance criteria for calibration, details on using other collection media (e.g. solid sorbents), and reporting/ documentation requirements.

Voluntary Standard
ISO 7027 - Water Quality Determination of Turbidity

Rationale
EPA has no data upon which to evaluate whether the separate 90 degrees scattered or transmitted light measurement evaluations according to the ISO 7027 method would produce results that are equivalent to results produced by the other methods.

Government Standard: EPA Method 2 - Velocity and S-type Pitot  [Incorporated: 1999]
Voluntary Standard
ASTM 3796-90 (1998), Standard Practice for Calibration of Type S Pitot Tubes

Rationale
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<td>ISO 10780:1994, Stationary Source Emissions-- Measurement of Velocity and Volume Flowrate of Gas Streams in Ducts</td>
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Leaks  [Incorporated: 2003]
Voluntary Standard

Rationale
This standard will detect leaks but not classify the leak as VOC, as in EPA Method 21. In addition, in order to detect the VOC concentration of a known VOC leak, the acoustic signal would need to be calibrated against a primary instrument. Background noise interference in some source situations could also make this standard difficult to use effectively.

Government Standard:  EPA Method 23 - Dioxin and Furan (PCDD and PCDF)  [Incorporated: 1999]
Voluntary Standard
European Committee for Standardization (CEN) EN 1948-3 (1997), Determination of the Mass Concentration of PCDD'S/PCDF'S--Part 3: Identification and Quantification

Rationale
Is too general, too broad, or not sufficiently detailed to assure compliance with EPA regulatory requirements.

Voluntary Standard

Rationale
Measured nonvolatile matter content can vary with experimental factors such as temperature, length of heating period, size of weighing dish, and size of sample. The standard ISO 11890-1 allows for different dish weights and sample sizes than the one size (58 millimeters in diameter and sample size of 0.5 gram) of EPA Method 24. The standard ISO 11890-1 also allows for different oven temperatures and heating times depending on the type of coating, whereas EPA Method 24 requires 60 minutes
heating at 110 degrees Celcius at all times. Because the EPA Method 24 test conditions and procedures define volatile matter, ISO 11890-1 is unacceptable as an alternative because of its different test conditions.


ISO 11890-2 only measures the VOC added to the coating and would not measure any VOC generated from the curing of the coating. The EPA Method 24 does measure cure VOC, which can be significant in some cases, and, therefore, ISO 11890-2 is not an acceptable alternative to this EPA method.

Voluntary Standard
EN 12619:1999 Stationary Source Emissions--Determination of the Mass Concentration of Total Gaseous Organic Carbon at Low Concentrations in Flue Gases--Continuous Flame Ionization Detector Method

Rationale
The standards do not apply to solvent process vapors in concentrations greater than 40 ppm (EN 12619) and 10 ppm carbon (ISO 14965). Methods whose upper limits are this low are too limited to be useful in measuring source emissions, which are expected to be much higher.

ISO 14965:2000(E) Air Quality-- Determination of Total Nonmethane Organic Compounds--Cryogenic Preconcentration and Direct Flame Ionization Method

Rationale
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**Government Standard:** EPA Method 26 - Hydrogen Chloride, Halides, Halogens

**Voluntary Standard**

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**Government Standard:** EPA Method 26A - Hydrogen Halide and Halogen, Isokinetic

**Incorporated:** 1999
Voluntary Standard

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Government Standard: EPA Method 28 (Section 10.1) - Wood Heaters, Certificate and Auditing [Incorporated: 2003]

Voluntary Standard
ASME Power Test Codes, Supplement on Instruments and Apparatus, part 5, Measurement of Quantity of Materials, Chapter 1, Weighing Scales

Rationale
It does not specify the number of initial calibration weights to be used nor a specific pretest weight procedure.

ASTM E319-85 (Reapproved 1997), Standard Practice for the Evaluation of Single-Pan Mechanical Balances

Rationale
This standard is not a complete weighing procedure because it does not include a pretest procedure.


Voluntary Standard
ASTM D4358-94 (1999), Standard Test Method for Lead and Chromium in Air Particulate Filter Samples of Lead Chromate Type Pigment Dusts by Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy

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ASTM E1979-98 (1998), Standard Practice for Ultrasonic Extraction of Paint, Dust, Soil, and Air Samples for Subsequent Analysis by Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry

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Determination of Lead digestion procedures that appear to be milder than the EPA Method 12 digestion procedure. For these reasons, these ASTM standards cannot be considered equivalent to EPA Method 12. Also, the subject ASTM standards do not require the use of hydrogen fluoride (HF) as in EPA Method 29 and, therefore, they cannot be used for the preparation, digestion, and analysis of Method 29 samples. Additionally, Method 29 requires the use of a glass fiber filter, whereas these three ASTM standards require cellulose filters and other probable nonglass fiber media, which cannot be considered equivalent to EPA Method 29.

CAN/CSA Z223.26-M1987, Measurement of Total Mercury in Air Cold Vapour Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometric Method

It lacks sufficient quality assurance and quality control requirements necessary for EPA compliance assurance requirements.


Voluntary Standard

ASTM D3154-00, Standard Method for Average Velocity in a Duct (Pitot Tube Method)

Rationale

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detailed to assure compliance with EPA regulatory requirements.

**Government Standard:  EPA Method 3 - Molecular Weight Carbon Dioxide, Oxygen  [Incorporated: 1999]**

**Voluntary Standard**

ASME C00031 or PTC 19-10-1981--part 10, "Flue and Exhaust Gas Analyses"

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**Rationale**

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Voluntary Standard
ASTM D6348-98, Determination of Gaseous Compounds by Extractive Direct Suggested revisions to ASTM D6348-98 were sent to ASTM by the EPA that, would allow
Interface Fourier Transform (FTIR) Spectroscopy

the EPA to accept ASTM D6348-98 as an acceptable alternative. The ASTM Subcommittee D22-03 is currently undertaking a revision of ASTM D6348-98. Because of this, we are not citing this standard as a acceptable alternative for EPA Method 320 in the final rule today. However, upon successful ASTM balloting and demonstration of technical equivalency with the EPA FTIR methods, the revised ASTM standard could be incorporated by reference for EPA regulatory applicability. In the interim, facilities have the option to request ASTM D6348-98 as an alternative test method under 40 CFR 63.7(f) and 63.8(f) on a case-by-case basis.


Voluntary Standard

ASTM D5835-95, Standard Practice for Sampling Stationary Source Emissions for Automated Determination of Gas Concentration

Rationale

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Government Standard: EPA Method 5 - Particulate Matter, Stationary Sources [Incorporated: 1999]
Voluntary Standard
ASME PTC-38-80 R85 or C00049, Determination of the Concentration of Particulate Matter in Gas Streams
Rationale
It lacks sufficient quality assurance and quality control requirements necessary for EPA compliance assurance requirements.

ASTM D3685/D3685M-98, Test Methods for Sampling and Determination of Particulate Matter in Stack Gases
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Voluntary Standard
Standard Methods 6640B
Rationale
Standard Methods 6640B for acid herbicides was tentatively deemed impractical for EPA’s needs because its sample preparation and quality control procedures were not similar enough to EPA Method 515.1 to ensure that there would not be underreporting of acid herbicide contamination. EPA plans to offer to work with the Standard Methods committee to resolve this issue prior to the next publication.

Government Standard: EPA Method 515.4 - Chlorinated Acids in DW by LL Fast CG/ECD [Incorporated: 2003]

Voluntary Standard
Rationale
ASTM D5317-98 specifies acceptance windows for the initial demonstration of proficiency for laboratory fortified blank samples that are as small as 0 percent to as
Capture Detector

large as 223 percent recovery for picloram, with tighter criteria for other regulated contaminants. Therefore, this method permits unacceptably large control limits, which include 0 percent recovery.

Standard Method 6640 B for the chlorinated acids

The use of this voluntary consensus standard would have been impractical due to significant shortcomings in the sample preparation and quality control sections of the method instructions. Section 1b of Method SM 6640 B states that the alkaline wash detailed in section 4b2 is optional. The hydrolysis that occurs during this step is essential to the analysis of the esters of many of the analytes. Therefore, this step is necessary and cannot be optional. In addition, the method specifies that the quality control limits for laboratory-fortified blanks are to be based upon plus or minus three times the standard deviation of the mean recovery of the analytes, as determined in each laboratory. Therefore, this method permits unacceptably large control limits, which may include 0 percent recovery.


Voluntary Standard

Standard Method 6610, 20th Edition

Rationale

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**Government Standard: EPA Method 5i - Low Level Particulate Matter, Stationary Sources** [Incorporated: 2001]

**Voluntary Standard**
ASTM D6331-98

**Rationale**
This standard does not have paired trains as specified in method 5 and does not include some quality control procedures specified in the EPA method and which are appropriate to use in this rule.

**Government Standard: EPA Method 6 - Sulphur Dioxide Emissions** [Incorporated: 1999]

**Voluntary Standard**
ASME C00031 or PTC 19-10-1981 - Part 10
Flue and Exhaust Gas Analyses

**Rationale**
Too broad to be useful in regulatory sense. Covers Methods 3, 6, 7, and 15 with variants.

**ISO 11632:1998 - Stationary Source Emissions - Determination of the Mass Concentration of Sulfur Dioxide - Ion Chromatography**


This standard is only applicable to sources with 30 mg/m3 SO2 or more. In addition, this method does not separate SO3 from SO2 as does EPA Method 6; therefore, this method is not valid if more than a negligible amount of SO3 is present. Also, does not address ammonia interferences.

**Government Standard: EPA Method 6c - Sulpher Dioxide Emissions Stationary by IAP** [Incorporated: 1999]
**Voluntary Standard**  
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ISO 10396:1993 - Stationary Source Emissions: Sampling for the Automated Determination of Gas Concentrations  
Rationale: Duplicates Method 3a, 6c, 7e, 10, ALT 004, CTM 022. Lacks in detail and quality assurance plus quality control requirements. Similar to ASTM D5835.

**Government Standard:** EPA Method 7 - Nitrogen Oxide Emissions Stationary Sources  
[Incorporated: 1999]

**Voluntary Standard**  
ASME C00031 or PTC 19-10-1981 - Part 10 Flue and Exhaust Gas Analyses  
Rationale: Too broad to be useful in regulatory sense. Covers Methods 3, 6, 7, and 15 with variants.

**Government Standard:** EPA Method 7e - Nitrogen Oxide, Instrumental  
[Incorporated: 1999]

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Government Standard:  EPA Method GG - (Title not found in index)  [Incorporated: 2003]
Voluntary Standard
ASTM D3031-81 - Method of Test for This method has been deleted from the final
Total Sulfur in Natural Gas (Hydrogenation), Withdrawn

rule because it was discontinued by the ASTM in 1990 with no replacement. If the total sulfur content of the fuel being fired in the turbine is less than 0.4 weight percent, we are adding a provision that the following methods may be used to measure the sulfur content of the fuel: ASTM D4084-82 or 94, D5504-01, D6228-98, or the Gas Processors Association Method 2377-86. This provision is consistent with the provision in 40 CFR 60.13(j)(1) allowing alternatives to reference method tests to determine relative accuracy of CEMS for sources with emission rates demonstrated to be less than 50 percent of the applicable standard.

Voluntary Standard

Rationale
Is too general, too broad, or not sufficiently detailed to assure compliance with EPA regulatory requirements.

Government Standard:   EPA Performance Specification 2 (sulfur dioxide portion only)  [Incorporated: 2001]
Voluntary Standard

Rationale
Is too general, too broad, or not sufficiently detailed to assure compliance with EPA regulatory requirements.

Voluntary Standard
ISO 10155:1995 - Stationary source

Rationale
This international standard is only applicable
emissions. Automated monitoring of mass concentration of particles - Performance characteristics, test methods and specifications.

on a site specific basis by direct correlation with the manual method ISO 9096 (which does not produce particulate matter measurements like EPA Method 5). This appears to be a PM CEMS performance specification similar to EPA Performance Specification 11, but does not contain detailed RATA procedures. Also, EPA doesn’t have a final performance specification to compare this to.

Government Standard: GLI Method 2 [Incorporated: 1999]
Voluntary Standard
ISO 7027 - Water Quality Determination of Turbidity

Rationale
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Voluntary Standard

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Agency: General Services Administration (GSA)

Rationale
The ASTM Standard Practice for Design, Construction, and Procurement of Emergency Medical Services (EMSS) Ambulances (ASTM F2020) is not practical for use, and therefore GSA uses the Federal Specification for Ambulances (KKK-A-1822E). GSA has determined the ASTM document is not practical for use for the following reasons:

1) GSA has determined that ASTM F2020 contains specific practices that are
technically and economically impractical to use for the acquisition of commercial based vehicles because the document is financially burdensome and technically ineffective. Specifically at issue is the ASTM Standard Specification for Medical Oxygen Delivery Systems for EMS Ground Vehicles, F1949-99 which is inclusive to ASTM F2020.

2) GSA has determined that ASTM F2020 is impractical because it is defined as a standard practice which is ambiguous and an ineffective substitution for specifications or requirements for use in GSA contract documents. ASTM F1949-99, a Standard Specification for Medical Oxygen Delivery Systems for EMS Ground Vehicles is included in ASTM F2020. ASTM F1949-99 is defined as a “standard specification”.

3) GSA has determined that ASTM F2020 is impractical because ASTM International does not provide interpretations and written guidance to their publications which is inadequate and less useful. ASTM members may only offer personal opinions. ASTM offers no mechanism to support timely resolution of conflicts between contractor and procurement organizations on technical subject matter. GSA provides interpretations, clarifications and engineering determinations when required. This is one of the most important concerns presented by the Ambulance Manufacturers Division (AMD).
4) The AMD has determined through consensus that it is impractical to replace the Federal Specification for Ambulances, KKK-A-1822E with the ASTM Standard Practice, F2020. GSA initiated a survey to collect public responses from a wide range of constituent users of the Federal Ambulance Specification. The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), the National Association of State EMS Directors (NASEMSD) and the National Association of EMS Physicians universally accept and support the continued use of the Federal Specification. The AMD and constituent users have determined that it is impractical to replace the Federal Specification for Ambulances, KKK-A-1822E with the ASTM Standard Practice, F2020 because rule promulgation is burdensome and costly. Staff and administration resources would need to be diverted in each state EMS office to implement the change in statutes, public health codes, rules and regulations.

5) GSA has determined that ASTM F2020 is impractical because it is burdensome to GSA procurement efforts. While the current ASTM document recites many of the requirements from the Federal Specification, a future ASTM document would likely have diverging requirements unacceptable to the Government. This was verified by a member of the ASTM F2020 subcommittee at the September 4, 2003 meeting of the Federal
Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services.

**Government Standard:** FF-L-2937  [Incorporated: 2006]

**Voluntary Standard**
UL 768

**Rationale**
Federal Specification FF-L-2937 - Combination Lock, Mechanical used in lieu of UL 768 Combination Locks. The lock covered by the GUS is used for the protection of classified information and weapons. The UL specification did not meet identified government needs for dialing tolerance and bolt end pressure.

**Government Standard:** MIL-G-9954 - Glass Beads for Cleaning and Peening  [Incorporated: 2000]

**Voluntary Standard**
SAE/AMS 2431 - Peening Media, General Requirements

**Rationale**
This government-unique standard contains specific size & performance required for Air Force critical applications that are not present in the voluntary standards.

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**Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

**Government Standard:** FDA Dosage Form and Route of Administration  [Incorporated: 2006]

**Voluntary Standard**
HL7 Dosage Form and Route of Administration

**Rationale**
FDA uses some government-unique standards such as 'dosage form' and 'route of administration' in lieu of voluntary consensus standards. FDA had considered using HL7's 'dosage form' and 'route of administration' voluntary standards, but rejected such voluntary standards for several reasons, including (1) pre-coordination of disparate
terms, (2) cumbersome and untimely terminology maintenance, and (3) inadequate terminology coding and versioning. The government-unique standards (developed by FDA and jointly maintained by FDA and NCI) for ‘dosage form’ and ‘route of administration’ adequately address all of these HL7 ‘deficiencies’. These particular government-unique standards were chosen as a CHI standard and mandated throughout the federal government, which is yet another compelling reason why FDA chose to continue to use them.

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**Voluntary Standard**
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- NFPA 501C - Standard on Recreational Vehicles

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**Agency:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

**Government Standard:** NARA data standard  [Incorporated: 2000]

**Voluntary Standard**
- Archives, Personal Papers, and Manuscripts (APPM);
- General International Standard Archival Description (ISAD(G));
- International Standard Archival Authority Record for Corporate Bodies, Persons, and Families (ISAAR(CPF));

**Rationale**
- These voluntary standards do not meet the precise needs of the agency.
Agency: Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Voluntary Standard
NFPA 1150 - Standard on Fire-Fighting Foam Chemicals for Class A Fuels in Rural, Suburban, and Vegetated Areas.

Rationale
Foam fire suppressants contain foaming and wetting agents. The foaming agents affect the accuracy of an aerial drop, how fast the water drains from the foam and how well the product clings to the fuel surfaces. The wetting agents increase the ability of the drained water to penetrate fuels. Foam fire suppressants are supplied as wet concentrates.

This standard was developed with international cooperation for Class A Foam used in wildland fire suppression situations and equipment. Standard created by the USDA Forest Service in cooperation with the Department of Interior (DOI), the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Center.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) does have a standard for Class A Foam, (NFPA 1150 - Standard on Fire-Fighting Foam Chemicals for Class A Fuels in Rural, Suburban, and Vegetated Areas). The
Forest Service has not chosen to utilize NFPA 1150 as it is designed specifically for application by municipal fire agencies in the wildland-urban interface, utilizing apparatus and situations that they are likely to encounter. The Forest Service's GUS for foam products is specific to use by wildland fire equipment and situations that are unique, e.g. helicopter use of foams, remote storage situations, and varied quality of water sources in the wildland settings. The agency feels this standard more accurately reflects the needs and mission of the federal wildland fire suppression agencies.