

warnings when methane is detected at or above 1.0 percent.

(f) A competent person, as defined in 30 CFR 57.2, shall continuously monitor for methane immediately before and during the use of the Dräger X-plore 8700 EX in or beyond the last open crosscut or in areas where methane may enter the air current. For a crew working together, at least one competent person shall continuously monitor for methane. Alternatively, continuous monitoring systems along longwall faces, which provide an audible and visual alarm when 1.0 percent methane is detected, shall satisfy this requirement.

(g) Batteries contained in the Dräger X-plore 8700 EX must be “changed out” or “charged” in intake air. Before each shift when the Dräger X-plore 8700 EX is to be used, all batteries for the equipment must be charged sufficiently such that they are not expected to be replaced on that shift.

(h) The Dräger LBT 04 LI-ION shall be charged on the surface or underground in accordance with 30 CFR 57.22224.

(i) The Dräger LBT 04 LI-ION shall be charged only by the Dräger X-plore 8000 EX standard charger or the Dräger X-plore 8000 multiple charger.

(j) The battery pack shall not be disassembled or modified by anyone other than permitted by the manufacturer of the equipment.

(k) The battery pack shall not be exposed to water or allowed to get wet. This does not preclude incidental exposure of sealed battery packs.

(l) The battery shall not be exposed to direct sunlight or used or stored near a source of heat.

(m) The battery shall not be used at the end of its life cycle (e.g., when there is a performance decrease of greater than 20 percent in battery operated equipment). The battery shall be disposed of properly.

(n) The mine operator shall investigate the potential for electromagnetic interference between the Dräger X-plore 8700 EX and all safety devices carried or worn by miners, such as proximity detection system miner wearable components, gas detectors, tracking system components, and communication devices. Before any Dräger X-plore 8700 EX devices are placed into service, the mine operator shall report to their MSHA District whether any interference is identified along with the procedures the mine operator will implement to eliminate the interference. All miners shall be trained in these procedures.

(o) Personnel engaged in the use of Dräger X-plore 8700 EX shall be properly trained to recognize the

hazards and limitations associated with the use of the PAPR in areas where methane could be present.

(p) All section foremen, section crew members, and other personnel who will be involved with or affected by the use of the PAPR shall receive training in accordance with 30 CFR 48.7 on the requirements of the PDO granted by MSHA within 60 days of the date the PDO granted by MSHA becomes final. Such training must be completed before any Dräger X-plore 8700 EX is used in or beyond the last open crosscut or in areas where methane may enter the air current.

(q) Within 60 days after the PDO granted by MSHA becomes final, the operator shall submit proposed revisions for its approved 30 CFR part 48 training plan to the Mine Safety and Health District Manager. These proposed revisions shall include donning a Self-Contained Self Rescuer (SCSR) while using the PAPR, and initial and refresher training regarding the terms and conditions stated in the PDO granted by MSHA. When training is conducted on the terms and conditions in the PDO granted by MSHA, an MSHA Certificate of Training (Form 5000-23) shall be completed and include the notation “Dräger X-plore 8700 EX PAPR training”.

(r) The operator shall post the PDO granted by MSHA in unobstructed locations on the bulletin boards and/or in other conspicuous places where notices to miners are ordinarily posted, for a period of not less than 60 consecutive days.

(s) Affected mine employees shall be trained in the proper use and care of the Dräger X-plore 8700 EX unit in accordance with established manufacturer guidelines.

(t) If 1.0 percent or more methane is detected, the procedures in 30 CFR 7.22234 shall be followed.

(u) The miners at American Soda LLC mine are not represented by a labor organization and there are no designated representatives of miners. A copy of this petition has been posted for all miners to see on the mine bulletin board on August 22, 2024.

In support of the proposed alternative method, the petitioner has also submitted: a Dräger X-plore 8700 EX Certificate of Conformity, a Dräger X-plore 8700 EX ATEX Certificate, a battery pack operating manual, and a Dräger X-plore 8700 EX data sheet.

The petitioner asserts that that application of the standard in 30 CFR 57.22305 will reduce the safety of the

miners affected and has proposed to establish an alternative method.

Song-ae Aromie Noe,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2007-0039]

Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the application of Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., for expansion of the recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency’s preliminary finding to grant the application.

DATES: Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before November 21, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by any of the following methods:

Electronically: You may submit comments, including attachments, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency’s name and the docket number for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA-2007-0039). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting information they do not want made available to the public or submitting materials that contain personal information (either about themselves or others), such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to

read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

Extension of comment period: Submit requests for an extension of the comment period on or before November 21, 2024 to the Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N-3653, Washington, DC 20210, or by fax to (202) 693-1644.

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, phone: (202) 693-1999 or email: 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, phone: (202) 693-1911 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

TABLE 1—PROPOSED APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN ITSNA’S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 60335-2-89	Household and Similar Electrical Appliances—Safety—Part 2-89: Particular Requirements for Commercial Refrigerating Appliances and Ice-makers with an Incorporated or Remote Refrigerant Unit or Compressor.
UL 60335-2-24	Household and Similar Electrical Appliances—Safety—Part 2-24: Particular Requirements for Refrigerating Appliances, Ice-Cream Appliances, and Ice-Makers.

III. Preliminary Findings on the Application

ITSNA submitted an acceptable application for expansion of the scope of recognition. OSHA’s review of the application file and pertinent documentation indicates that ITSNA can meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expanding the recognition to include the addition of these two test standards for NRTL testing and certification listed in Table 1. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of ITSNA’s application.

I. Notice of the Application for Expansion

OSHA is providing notice that Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc. (ITSNA), is applying for expansion of the current recognition as a NRTL. ITSNA requests the addition of two 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 the scope of recognition. Each NRTL’s scope of recognition includes: (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the 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 applications by a NRTL for initial recognition and for an 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 a preliminary

finding. In the second notice, the agency provides a 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 ITSNA, which details the NRTL’s scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>.

ITSNA currently has thirty-five facilities (sites) recognized by OSHA for product testing and certification, with the headquarters located at: Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., 545 East Algonquin Road, Suite F, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005. A complete list of ITSNA’s scope of recognition is available at <https://www.osha.gov/nationally-recognized-testing-laboratory-program/its>.

II. General Background on the Application

ITSNA submitted an application dated June 24, 2024 (OSHA-2007-0039-0058), requesting the addition of two test standards to the NRTL scope of recognition. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

Table 1, below, lists the appropriate test standards found in ITSNA’s application for expansion for testing and certification of products under the NRTL Program.

OSHA seeks comment on this preliminary determination.

IV. Public Participation

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether ITSNA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition as a NRTL. Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits.

Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 10 days unless the requester justifies a

longer time period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if it is not adequately justified.

To review copies of the exhibits identified in this notice, as well as comments submitted to the docket, contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. These materials also are generally available online at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. OSHA-2007-0039 (for further information, see the “Docket” heading in the section of this notice titled **ADDRESSES**).

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner. After addressing the issues raised by these comments, staff will make a recommendation to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health on whether to grant ITSNA's application for expansion of the scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application. In making this decision, the Assistant Secretary may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA will publish a public notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**.

V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, 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. 8–2020 (85 FR 58393, Sept. 18, 2020), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 30, 2024.

James S. Frederick,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Workers' Compensation Programs

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Rehabilitation Maintenance Certificate (OWCP–17)

AGENCY: Division of Federal Employees Compensation, Office of the Workers' Compensation Programs, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Rehabilitation Maintenance Certificate (OWCP–17)." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all written comments received by January 6, 2025.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free by contacting Anjanette Suggs by telephone at 202–354–9660 or by email at suggs.anjanette@dol.gov.

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Room S3323, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210 or by email: suggs.anjanette@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Anjanette Suggs by telephone at 202–354–9660 or by email at suggs.anjanette@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) and the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA). These acts provide vocational rehabilitation services to eligible workers with disabilities. The FECA (5 U.S.C. 8111(b)) provides that OWCP may pay an individual undergoing vocational rehabilitation a maintenance allowance, not to exceed \$200 a month. The LHWCA (33 U.S.C. 908(g)) provides that person(s) undergoing such vocational rehabilitation shall receive maintenance allowances as additional compensation. Form OWCP–17 is used to collect information necessary to determine the amount of any maintenance allowance to be paid. This information collection is currently approved for use through February 28, 2025.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Written comments will receive consideration, and be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Number 1240–0012.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. The DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

The DOL is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title of Collection: Rehabilitation Maintenance Certificate.

Form: Rehabilitation Maintenance Certificate OWCP–17.

OMB Control Number: 1240–0012.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 148.

Frequency: As needed.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 1,288.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 575.

Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: \$0.00.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Dated: October 30, 2024.

Anjanette Suggs,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA–2025–006]

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are announcing an upcoming Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee meeting in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the second United States Open Government National Action Plan.