

## Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Regulatory Updates

### FINAL STATUTES AND RULEMAKING

Citation	Summary
<p>Federal Register Volume 79, Number 70 (Friday, April 11, 2014)]</p> <p>Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution; Electrical Protective Equipment</p> <p>29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926 Docket No. OSHA-S215-2006-0063 RIN 1218-AB67</p> <p>Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.</p> <p>Action: Final rule.</p>	<p>OSHA last issued rules for the construction of transmission and distribution installations in 1972. Those provisions are now out of date and inconsistent. The final rules for general industry and construction include new or revised provisions on host employers and contractors, training, job briefings, fall protection, insulation and working position of employees working on or near live parts, minimum approach distances, protection from electric arcs, de-energizing transmission and distribution lines and equipment, protective grounding, operating mechanical equipment near overhead power lines, and working in manholes and vaults. The revised standards will ensure that employers, when appropriate, must meet consistent requirements for work performed under the construction and general industry standards.</p> <p>The final rule becomes effective on July 10, 2014. (The preamble explains certain provisions that have compliance deadlines after this date.) A copy of the final rule is available at:</p>

## Letters of Interpretation

OSHA has issued the following letters of interpretation since our last regulatory summary update.

Temporary Enforcement Policy for Proximity Alarm and Insulating Link Use with Cranes and Derricks in Construction [1926.1401; 1926.1407; 1926.1408; 1926.1409; 1926.1410].

Clarification regarding impalement hazards on construction worksites [1926.701(b); 1926.25(a)].

Regarding the determination of whether an employee may be considered a “qualified rigger” [1926.1401]

OSHA’s Amended Hazard Communication Standard (HCS 2012) regarding Petroleum Streams [1910.1200]

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Application of OSHA’s Amended Hazard Communication Standard (HCS 2012) to Combustible Dust (1910.1200) [1910.1200]

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OSHA’s Amended Hazard Communication Standard (HCS 2012) about Hazards Not Otherwise Classified [1910.1200]

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OSHA’s Amended Hazard Communication Standard (HCS 2012) about classification criteria for Single Target Organ Toxicity [1910.1200]

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## Letters of Interpretation

Clarification of Multiple Business Establishments and Covered Employees [1904.30]

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Clarification of a pre-existing injury or illness and recordable events [1904.5; 1904.7]

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## Other Recent Developments

### Notice of proposed rulemaking on occupational exposure to crystalline silica

OSHA began holding public hearings in March 2014 for the notice of proposed rulemaking on occupational exposure to crystalline silica. OSHA's proposed rule seeks to lower worker exposure to crystalline silica, which causes silicosis, an incurable lung disease. Leading scientific organizations, including the American Cancer Society, have also confirmed the causal relationship between silica and lung cancer. The proposal is based on extensive review of scientific and technical evidence, consideration of current industry consensus standards and consultation with stakeholders. Published in the Federal Register on Sept. 12, 2013, OSHA's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica aims to update the inconsistent and outdated permissible exposure limits for crystalline silica in general industry, construction and shipyards, as well as to establish other provisions to better protect workers.

Additional information on the proposed rule, including five fact sheets, is available at:

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### Proposed rule to improve workplace safety and health through improved tracking of workplace injuries and illnesses

On Nov. 7, 2013 OSHA issued a proposed rule to improve workplace safety and health through improved tracking of workplace injuries and illnesses. Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses; 29 CFR Parts 1904 and 1952 Federal Register Volume 78, November 8, 2013 – 78 FR 67254. OSHA announced that the comment period on the proposed rule to improve workplace safety and health through improved tracking of workplace injuries and illnesses will close on March 10, 2014. The proposed rule would amend OSHA's recordkeeping regulations to add requirements for the electronic submission of injury and illness information that employers are already required to keep.

## New OSHA Training Materials

*Hazard Communication:* Small Entity Compliance Guide for Employers That Use Hazardous Chemicals.

**(OSHA 3695 – 2014)**

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*Hazard Communication:* Steps to an Effective Hazard Communication Program for Employers That Use Hazardous Chemicals Fact Sheet.

**(OSHA FS-3696 - 2014)**

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*Isocyanates:* Do You Have Work-Related Asthma? A Guide for You and Your Doctor Fact Sheet.

**(OSHA FS-3707 – 2014)**

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*Asbestos:* Fact Sheet.

**(OSHA FS 3507 - 2014)**

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## New OSHA Training Materials

*Cold Stress: QuickCard.*  
(OSHA 3156 - 2014)

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*Fall Prevention: Training Guide - A Lesson Plan for Employers*  
(OSHA 3666 - 2014)

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*Material Hoist Collapse: Fatal Facts*  
(OSHA 3718 - 2014)

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