

Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Regulatory Updates

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Federal Register Volume 78, November 8, 2013 – 78 FR 67254 Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses 29 CFR Parts 1904 and 1952 Docket No. OSHA-2013-0023 RIN No. 1218-AC49 Action: Proposed rule; Request for comments.	On Nov. 7, 2013 OSHA issued a proposed rule to improve workplace safety and health through improved tracking of workplace injuries and illnesses. The new proposal would require that establishments with more than 250 employees who are already required to keep records to electronically submit the records on a quarterly basis to OSHA. The agency is also proposing that establishments with 20 or more employees, in certain industries with high injury and illness rates, electronically submit their summary of work-related injuries and illnesses to OSHA once a year. Additional information is available at:

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Federal Register Volume 78, November 20, 2013 – 78 FR 69543 Record Requirements in the Mechanical Power Presses Standard 29 CFR Parts 1910 Docket No. OSHA-2013-0010 RIN No. 1218-AC80 Action: Direct final rule; request for comments.	On Nov. 20, 2013 OSHA issued a direct final rule, along with a companion notice of proposed rulemaking that revises requirements of OSHA's standard for mechanical power presses, which punch, form or assemble metal or other materials. Workers can be exposed to hand, finger or arm injuries-often resulting in amputation if parts of a press are worn, damaged or not operating properly. The new rule eliminates a requirement for employers to document mandatory weekly inspections of these presses while clarifying the responsibility of employers to perform and document any maintenance or repairs necessary to protect the safety of workers who operate them. The final rule will be effective Feb. 18, 2014, unless OSHA receives a significant adverse comment by Dec. 20, 2013.

In addition, OSHA will align the existing standard's maintenance and repair provisions to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard for safety requirements for mechanical power presses. This standard would explicitly state that maintenance and repair must be completed before the mechanical power press is operated and, in keeping with the ANSI standard, employers would certify maintenance and repair for the entire machine rather than for certain parts of the power press. Additional information is available at:

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Important Reminder

As noted in previous regulatory updates, OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard is now aligned with the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals. Effective dates for the requirements of the revised standard are noted in the following table:

Effective Completion Date	Requirement (s)	Who
December 1, 2013	Train employees on the new label elements and safety data sheet (SDS) format.	Employers
June 1, 2015	Compliance with all modified provisions of this final rule, except:	Chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors and employers
December 1, 2015	The Distributor shall not ship containers labeled by the chemical manufacturer or importer unless it is a GHS label.	
June 1, 2016	Update alternative workplace labeling and hazard communication program as necessary, and provide additional employee training for newly identified physical or health hazards.	Employers
Transition Period to the effective completion dates noted above.	May comply with either 29 CFR 1910.1200 (the final standard), or the current standard, or both.	Chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors, and employers

Letters of Interpretation

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

Classified of Combustible Dusts under the Revised Hazard Communication Standard. [1910.1200;1910.1200(d);1910.1200]. Issued on December 27, 2013.

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Other Recent Developments

New educational resources released by OSHA to better protect workers from exposure to hazardous chemicals

According to OSHA, tens of thousands of American workers become sick or die from occupational exposures to hazardous chemicals each year. While many chemicals are suspected of being harmful, OSHA's exposure standards are out-of-date and inadequately protective for the small number of chemicals that are regulated in the workplace. To help keep workers safe, OSHA has launched two new Web resources. The first resource is a step-by-step toolkit to identify safer chemicals that can be used in place of more hazardous ones. The "Transitional to Safer Chemicals" toolkit provides employers and workers with information, methods, tools, and guidance on using informed substitution in the workplace.

The toolkit is available at:

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OSHA has also created another new Web resource: the Annotated Permissible Exposure Limits, or annotated PELs tables, which will enable employers to voluntarily adopt newer, more protective workplace exposure limits.

The annotated PEL tables area available at:

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New educational video available on preventing electrocutions with cranes

A new animated video in OSHA's educational series about potential hazards in the construction industry is now available. "Prevent Electrocutions: Work Safely with Cranes near Power Lines" is the 14th video in the series, which are based on real-life incidents and include detailed depictions of hazards and the safety measures that would have prevented the injuries and fatalities. The video is available at:

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