

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA)
REGULATORY UPDATES**

FINAL STATUTES, RULEMAKINGS AND GUIDANCE

Citations	Summary
Updating National Consensus Standards in OSHA's Standard for Fire Protection in Shipyard Employment 72:7-8 29 CFR Part 1915 [Docket No. S-051A] RIN 1218-AC16	<p>OSHA is confirming the effective date of its direct final rule for shipyards that incorporated by reference 19 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. The direct final rule stated that it would become effective on January 16, 2007 unless significant adverse comment was received by November 16, 2006. No adverse comments were received. Therefore, the rule will become effective on January 16, 2007.</p> <p>The regulations can be found in the Federal Register: January 3, 2007 (Volume 72, Number 1). Federal Register at: http://www.osha.gov</p> <p>The regulations took effect January 16, 2007.</p>
Trade News Release Feb. 12, 2007	<p>The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced publication of its new "It's The Law" poster.</p> <p>The OSHA poster, also known as the OSHA notice of employee rights, is required to be displayed in every workplace. The current edition of the OSHA poster is still valid; employers are not required to replace their existing poster with the new version. The poster informs employers and employees of their rights and responsibilities for a safe and healthful workplace.</p> <p>A copy of the poster is available at the link listed below.</p> <p>http://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3165.pdf</p>

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<p>Electrical Standard; Final Rule - 72:7135-7221</p> <p>29 CFR Part 1910</p> <p>[Docket No. S-108C] RIN 1218-AB95</p>	<p>OSHA is revising the general industry electrical installation standard found in Subpart S of 29 CFR Part 1910. The Agency has determined that electrical hazards in the workplace pose a significant risk of injury or death to employees, and that the requirements in the revised standard, which draw heavily from the 2000 edition of the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces (NFPA 70E), and the 2002 edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC), are reasonably necessary to provide protection from these hazards. This final rule focuses on safety in the design and installation of electric equipment in the workplace.</p> <p>This revision will provide the first update of the installation requirements in the general industry electrical installation standard since 1981. OSHA is also replacing the reference to the 1971 NEC in the mandatory appendix to the general industry powered platform standard found in Subpart F of 29 CFR Part 1910 with a reference to OSHA's electrical installation standard.</p> <p>A copy of the final rule is available at the link listed below.</p> <p>http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=FEDERAL_REGISTER&p_id=19269</p> <p>The final rule becomes effective on August 13, 2007.</p>

Other Recent Developments:

Construction Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices and Training Requirements; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements – 29 CFR Parts 1926.502; 1926.503

OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements contained in the construction standards on Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices (29 CFR 1926.502) and Training Requirements (29 CFR 1926.503). The Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices Standard allows employers to develop alternative procedures to the use of conventional fall protection systems when the systems are infeasible or create a greater hazard. The alternative procedures (plan) must be written. Also, employers who use safety net systems may certify that the installation meets the Standard's criteria in lieu of performing a drop-test on the net. The Training Requirements Standard requires employers to prepare training certification records for their employees. The plan and certification records ensure that employers comply with the requirements to protect employees from falls. Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by May 29, 2007.

Standard on Additional Requirements for Special Dipping and Coating Operations (Dip Tanks); Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirement 29 CFR 1910.126

OSHA solicits public comment concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirement specified in its standard on Additional Requirements for Special Dipping and Coating Operations (Dip Tanks) (29 CFR 1910.126(g)(4)). The provision is to ensure that employers make employees aware of the

minimum distance between goods being electrostatically dewatered. Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by May 14, 2007.

Standard on Formaldehyde; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements 29 CFR 1910.1048

OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements contained in its Formaldehyde Standard (29 CFR 1910.1048). The Standard protects employees from the adverse health effects that may result from occupational exposure to Formaldehyde. Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by April 16, 2007.

Regulation on Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements 29 CFR 1910.1020

OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements contained in its Regulation on Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records (29 CFR 1910.1020). Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent or received) by April 16, 2007.

Hoist Safety Standard Out for Construction, Demolition

The American Society of Safety Engineers said a new American National Standard Institute, A10.22-2007, Safety Requirements for Rope-Guided and Non-Guided Workers' Hoists, is available that recognizes the need for protection of personnel using rope-guided and non-guided workers' hoists in construction and demolition. ANSI approved the standard Feb. 7, 2007. It sets minimum requirements for temporary personnel hoisting systems used to transport people to and from working elevations during normal operations, including maintenance, and is restricted to use in special situations such as work in chimneys, chimney linings, silos, towers, stacks, shafts, and similar projects; when necessary to hoist or lower a person in a boatswain's chair or equivalent; and for transportation of materials but not along with hoisting of personnel, ASSE said. The standard will be available soon in print and electronically.

OSHA Unveils New Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for Pandemic Flu

On Feb. 6, OSHA unveiled a new workplace safety and health guidance document that will help employers prepare for an influenza pandemic. Developed in coordination with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for an Influenza Pandemic* provides general guidance for all types of workplaces, describes the differences between seasonal, avian and pandemic influenza, and presents information on the nature of a potential pandemic, how the virus is likely to spread and how exposure is likely to occur.