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

1.0 FINAL STATUTES AND RULEMAKINGS

Citations	Summary
Publication Date: 05/07/2018 Effective Date: 07/06/18 CFR: 29 CFR 1910 Document Citation: 83 FR 19936, Pages 19936-19949 Docket No.: OSHA-2018-0003 Document No.: 2018-09306	<p>On May 4, 2018 OSHA issued a direct final rule clarifying aspects of the beryllium standard for general industry as it applies to processes, operations, and areas where workers may be exposed to materials containing less than 0.1% beryllium by weight. The direct final rule will go into effect on July 6.</p> <p>OSHA also announced that it will begin enforcing certain requirements of the beryllium final rule, including the permissible exposure limits in the general industry, construction, and shipyard standards; and the exposure assessment, respiratory protection, medical surveillance, and medical removal provisions in the general industry standard.</p> <p>The agency will delay enforcement of other ancillary provisions for general industry until December 12, 2018. The final rule can be reviewed at: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/05/07/2018-09306/revising-the-beryllium-standard-for-general-industry</p>

2.0 LETTERS OF INTERPRETATION

OSHA issued the following letters of interpretation since the last regulatory update:

April 30, 2018 - Memorandum to Regional Administrators – Process Safety Management Retail Exemption Enforcement Policy - [1910.119]

- <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/standardinterpretations/2018-04-30>

June 14, 2018 - Extension of the National Emphasis Program on Amputations (NEP) until September 30, 2019 - [1910 Subpart J; 1910 Subpart O; 1910 Subpart P]

- <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/standardinterpretations/2018-06-14>

3.0 RECENT NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS

OSHA Announces Hazard Identification Training Tool

The OSHA Hazard Identification Training Tool is an interactive, online, game-based training tool for small business owners, workers and others interested in learning the core concepts of hazard identification. After using this tool, users will better understand the process to identify hazards in their



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own workplace. This tool is intended to: 1) Teach small business owners and their workers the process for finding hazards in their workplace, 2) Raise awareness on the types of information and resources about workplace hazards available on OSHA's website. The tool is available at <https://www.osha.gov/hazfinder/index.html>.

New Flier from OSHA Offers Steps to Keep Tractor Trailer Drivers Safe at Destination

In April, OSHA and the trucking industry developed and issued a new flier that addresses the most common hazards for drivers after they reach their destination; parking, backing up, coupling and uncoupling vehicles. Drivers need to be trained to safely couple and uncouple truck trailers from the rig, park vehicles on level ground, set the emergency brakes, and place wheel chocks between the tandem wheels of the trailer to prevent the vehicle from rolling. The flier is available at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3944.pdf>

OSHA Issues New Resource for Improving Safety Communications

OSHA has issued a new product from the Safe + Sound Campaign, to improve the safety dialogue with workers in an organization. The *Better Safety Conversations* guide provides tips for holding different types of safety conversations and making them more effective, ways to overcome common reasons people avoid safety conversations, discusses the power of stories to enhance conversations, and the importance of leading by example. The guide is available at https://www.osha.gov/safeandsound/docs/SHP_Better-Safety-Conversations.pdf.

OSHA Proposes Rule to Ensure That Crane Operators Are Qualified to Safely Operate Equipment

OSHA has proposed a rule to increase the safety of construction sites. The proposal clarifies crane operator certification requirements and reinstates the employer duty to ensure that a crane operator is qualified to safely operate equipment. A copy of the news release is available at <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/trade/05182018>. OSHA recently published a final rule extending the operator certification compliance date until November 10, 2018, to provide the agency with additional time to complete this rulemaking to address stakeholder concerns related to the Cranes and Derricks in Construction standard.

General Industry and Maritime Silica Standard Effective June 23, 2018

General industry and maritime employers must comply with OSHA's silica standard by June 23, except for phase-in dates for medical surveillance and for engineering controls in the oil and gas industry. The OSHA silica standard is available at:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadis.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=1282.

OSHA has issued a memorandum outlining initial enforcement of the standard. The standard establishes a new 8-hour, time-weighted average permissible exposure limit and action level. During the first 30 days of enforcement, OSHA will offer compliance assistance for employers who make good faith efforts to comply with the new standard. A copy of the memorandum is available at <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/standardinterpretations/2018-06-07>.



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New Webpage Provides Safety Information on Workplace Chemicals

OSHA's new Occupational Chemical Database compiles information from several government agencies and organizations into one online resource. The database, which is available at <https://www.osha.gov/chemicaldata/>, includes chemical identification and physical properties, permissible exposure limits (PELs), and sampling information. Chemicals can be searched by name or identification number, or grouped by PEL, carcinogenic level, or whether they pose an immediate threat when inhaled.

OSHA Postpones Enforcement of Certain Provisions of the Beryllium Standard to August 9, 2018

OSHA is postponing enforcement of certain requirements of the final rule on occupational exposure to beryllium in general industry. Requirements originally scheduled for enforcement on June 25 will not be enforced until August 9. The requirements include beryllium work areas, regulated work areas, methods of compliance, personal protective clothing and equipment, hygiene areas and practices, housekeeping, communication of hazards, and recordkeeping. The memorandum is available at <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/standardinterpretations/2018-06-21-0>.

New OSHA Publications on Temporary Worker Safety

Two new temporary worker initiative bulletins explain the shared responsibility of staffing agencies and host employers to ensure temporary workers are provided with hearing and respiratory protection, when required. The bulletins are available at:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.searchresults?pSearch=TWI&pSearch=.](https://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.searchresults?pSearch=TWI&pSearch=)

Lead Exposure Hazards at Indoor Firing Ranges

OSHA has issued an indoor firing range fact sheet and QuickCard that provide information on protecting workers from lead hazards. Using lead bullets or lead-containing primers at indoor firing ranges can expose workers to lead and result in unsafe levels of lead in their blood. Lead enters the body through inhalation or ingestion. Once in the bloodstream, lead can damage various organs and cause health problems. The new documents are available at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3772.pdf> and <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3771.pdf>.