



OSHA Auditing: Federal Compliance Guide: Construction

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new and noteworthy

- **OSHA Final Rule for Beryllium:** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published a final rule revising the beryllium standard for the construction industry. The changes are designed to clarify the standard, simplify and/or improve compliance, and align with the general industry standard. Enforcement of the beryllium standard in construction has been stayed for several years, with the exception of the revised exposure limit. This revised final rule becomes effective September 30, 2020.

A new rulebook will be added to Module Z Toxic and Hazardous Substances of this guide with the next release to cover the requirements of the beryllium standard. The revised standard, as published in the federal register, is available at <http://s3.amazonaws.com/publicinspection.federalregister.gov/2020-10678.pdf>.

highlights of this release

- **Module C General Safety and Health:** Section 1 was reviewed and revised for consistency and clarity.
- **Module D1 Occupational Exposures and Environmental Controls – Part A Facilities:** Sections 1 and 2 were reviewed and revised to update information about standard interpretations, and for consistency and clarity.
- **Module D3 Process Safety Management:** The summary notes at the beginning of the rulebook were reviewed and revised to update information about standard interpretations.
- **Module F Fire Protection:** All sections of the rulebook were reviewed and revised to delete obsolete terminology related to flammable liquid classes.

did you know?

- **National Safety Stand-Down 2020:** The 7th annual National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction, originally scheduled for May 4–8, was rescheduled for the week of September 14–18. Learn more about the 2020 event at <https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/>.
- **OSHA Injury and Illness Data:** The agency has posted Form 300A data from employers who were required to submit electronic statistics for calendar years 2016, 2017, and 2018, as well as a data dictionary. More information is available at <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/national/09042020>.
- **OSHA Instruction for New Silica Compliance Directive:** OSHA has issued an “OSHA Instruction” (Directive Number: CPL 02-02-080) on the subject of Inspection Procedures for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standards. The new directive provides OSHA compliance safety and health officers with guidance on how to enforce the requirements of the silica standards, and it can also assist employers in achieving compliance. This “OSHA Instruction” is available at https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/enforcement/directives/CPL_02-02-080.pdf.



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