



OSHA Auditing: Federal Compliance Guide: Facilities

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new and noteworthy

- **OSHA Final Beryllium Rule:** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a final rule revising the beryllium standard for general industry. The revisions are designed to clarify the standard, simplify or improve compliance, and enhance worker protection. Changes include the addition of a definition for “beryllium sensitization” as well as revisions to definitions of “beryllium work area,” “chronic beryllium disease (CBD),” “CBD Diagnostic Centre,” “confirmed positive,” and “dermal contact with beryllium.” Other changes include revisions to requirements for: methods of compliance; personal protective clothing and equipment; hygiene areas and practices; housekeeping; medical surveillance; communication of hazards; and recordkeeping. Also, a new Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.1024 – Operations for Establishing Beryllium Work Areas, has been added to supplement the definition of “beryllium work area.”

Module Z Chemical, Biological, and Physical Exposure Control of this guide has been updated to reflect the revisions of the final beryllium rule.

highlights of this release

- **Module D Walking and Working Surfaces:** Paragraph 2.3 in Section 2 of the Rulebook, and the introductory information at the beginning of Section 4, were updated to reflect technical changes associated with OSHA’s Standards Improvement Project.
- **Module I Personal Protective Equipment:** Paragraph 8.1 in Section 8 of the Rulebook was updated to reflect technical changes associated with OSHA’s Standards Improvement Project.
- **Module Z2 Chemical, Biological, and Physical Exposure Control:** The Key Compliance Definitions was updated to reflect OSHA’s revisions to definitions under the beryllium standard for general industry. Table 5: Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.1024 – Operations for Establishing Beryllium Work Areas was added to the Reference Tables to supplement the definition of “beryllium work area.”
- **Module Z2 Chemical, Biological, and Physical Exposure Control – Part U Beryllium:** The Rulebook was extensively updated to reflect OSHA’s revisions to the beryllium standard for general industry.

did you know?

- **Guidance on Citations Related to COVID-19 Inspections:** OSHA has issued a guidance document to help employers understand which standards are most frequently cited during coronavirus-related inspections. The document is available at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/covid-citations-guidance.pdf>.
- **Work-Related Injury and Illness Data:** OSHA has released establishment-specific work-related injury and illness data that has been submitted electronically by employers. Data for calendar years 2016, 2017, and 2018 is available at <https://www.osha.gov/Establishment-Specific-Injury-and-Illness-Data>.
- **Workplace Intervention in Opioid Crisis:** A study published in the American Journal for Public Health (AJPH) identifies ways in which work environment factors can result in opioid use disorders and overdose deaths, as well as interventions employers can implement to help employees fight opioid addiction. The article is available at <https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/full/10.2105/AJPH.2020.305716>.



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