



## OSHA Auditing: Federal Compliance Guide: Construction

RELEASE 180 – OCTOBER 2020

### 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 and the construction industry. The changes are designed to clarify the standard, simplify or improve compliance, and enhance worker protection. Changes include new and revised definitions and revisions to requirements for: methods of compliance; personal protective clothing and equipment; hygiene areas and practices; housekeeping; medical surveillance; communication of hazards; and recordkeeping.

Rulebook Q Beryllium has been added to Module Z Toxic and Hazardous Substances of this guide to reflect the revisions of OSHA's final beryllium rule.

---

### highlights of this release

- **Module Z Toxic and Hazardous Substances:** The Applicability of This Module, Regulatory Summary, Key Compliance Definitions, Pre-audit Preparation, and Acronyms and Abbreviations have been updated to reflect the final ruling of OSHA's beryllium standard for construction.
- **Module Z Toxic and Hazardous Substances – Rulebook Q Beryllium:** This new Rulebook has been added to this guide to address the requirements of OSHA's beryllium standard for construction, which recently became fully effective.

---

### 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>.

- **Workplace Intervention in the Opioid Crisis:** A study published in the *American Journal for Public Health* 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>.



## related STP products

- **Onshore and Offshore Upstream Oil and Gas Operations: Federal Auditing Guide** is designed to be used to ensure compliance with Federal Department of Interior (DOI) environmental, health, and safety (EHS) regulatory requirements facing businesses that explore for, and extract, oil and natural gas. This guide serves as a concise reference on DOI EHS regulatory issues, agency interpretations and guidance, facility compliance responsibilities, and good management practices. Available formats: online and via risk management systems.

For more information or to purchase any STP product, visit [www.stpub.com](http://www.stpub.com), email [info@stpub.com](mailto:info@stpub.com), or call **1.800.251.0381**.



## industry insight

For insight into current industry developments, subscribe to the STP blog at <http://blog.stpub.com/>.