

OSHA Auditing: California Occupational Health & Safety Audit Guide

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new & noteworthy

- **New Module Added:** A new Module Q addressing requirements for Diving Operations has been added to this guide to more closely match the scope of other STP audit guides. Details are provided under “highlights of this release,” below.

highlights of this release

- **Module F – Power Transmission, Prime Movers, Machines**
 - **Rulebook F-2 – Point-of-Operation Guarding:** Information that was previously in the rulebook section summary has been moved into a new paragraph 1.1, to make this information more clearly auditable. Existing paragraphs in the rulebook have been renumbered accordingly.
- **Module G – Compressed Gas and Air Equipment**
 - **Rulebook G-1 – Compressed Gas and Air Equipment:** Paragraph 1.1 has been modified to add a missing requirement.
- **Module L – Hazardous Substances: Specific**
 - **Rulebook L-24 – COVID-19:** Sections 1, 2, 4, and 5 of this rulebook have been updated to reflect Cal/OSHA's most recent modifications to its Emergency Temporary Standard for COVID-19.
- **Module Q – Diving Operations**
 - **Introduction:** A new Applicability Table, Regulatory Summary, and Key Compliance Definitions have been added for this module.
 - **Pre-audit Preparation:** A new Pre-audit Preparation list has been added.
 - **Rulebook Q-1 – General Diving Operations:** This new rulebook provides eight new sections addressing requirements that apply to all diving operations, including commercial, scientific, technical, and agricultural operations.

release notes

please review

- **Rulebook Q-2 – Commercial Diving Operations:** This new rulebook provides three sections addressing requirements that apply only to commercial diving operations, and that take precedence over any requirements for identical situations included in the general diving safety orders.

did you know?

- **DWC Emergency Regulation:** The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has enacted an emergency regulation allowing the use of telehealth for medical-legal evaluations where the physician and the injured worker are not in the same physical space or site during the evaluation. Additional information is available on the DWC website at <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/2021/QME-Regulations/Index.htm>.
- **New Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee for Domestic Workers:** The agency has announced the creation of a new advisory committee that will develop occupational safety and health guidance for domestic workers.
- **NIOSH Study on 3-D Printers:** The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is conducting on-site assessments to gain knowledge about exposures and controls for 3-D printing, and has published two posters—one focused on printing with metal powders, and one focused on printing with filaments, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2020-114/default.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2020-115/default.html>, respectively.



related STP products

- **Fire Code Management of Hazardous Materials: The Essential Guide.** Extensive checklists enable facilities to assess their compliance with the fire codes adopted by the majority of U.S. states. This guide covers hazardous materials requirements specified by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards (including NFPA 1 2000, NFPA 1-UFC 2003, NFPA 1-UFC 2006, NFPA 1-FC 2009, NFPA 1-FC 2012, NFPA 1-FC 2015, NFPA 1 2018), and International Fire Code (IFC) (IFC 2000, IFC 2003, IFC 2006, IFC 2009, IFC 2012, IFC 2015, IFC 2018). Available formats: online and via risk management systems.

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