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highlights of this release

● **Update of Pre-audit Preparation:** A new subsection is being added to the Pre-audit Preparation section of the modules in this guide to identify additional items to request when conducting a remote audit. The specific modules which have been modified as part of this release are as follows:

- Module C General Safety and Health
- Module C Recordkeeping and Posting
- Module D1 Occupational Exposures and Environmental Controls
- Module D2 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
- Module D3 Process Safety Management
- Module E Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment
- Module F Fire Protection and Prevention
- Module G Signs, Signals, and Barricades
- Module H Materials Handling
- Module I Hand and Power Tools
- Module J Welding and Cutting
- Module K Electrical
- Module L Scaffolds
- Module M Fall Protection
- Module Y Commercial Diving Operations
- Module Z Toxic and Hazardous Substances

● **Review of OSHA Compliance Guidance:** As part of ongoing quality control efforts, OSHA Letters of Interpretation and Compliance Directives discussed in this guide are being reviewed to ensure they are current, accurate, and add value for users. Obsolete guidance has been removed, new guidance has been added, and other edits have been made accordingly in the rulebooks for the following modules:

- Module C General Recordkeeping and Posting
- Module I Hand and Power Tools

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- **Quality Control Review:** The following rulebooks have been reviewed as part of ongoing quality control efforts; minor edits have been made to clarify, streamline, and revise content as warranted:
  - Module C General Safety and Health
  - Module D1 Occupational Exposures and Environmental Controls

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did you know?

- **OSHA Updates Heat Illness Prevention Information:** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has revised its Heat Illness Prevention campaign webpage to consolidate resources on the dangers of working in the heat and how to keep workers safe. The webpage is available at **https://www.osha.gov/heat**.

- **OSHA Launches Heat Hazard NEP:** OSHA has launched a National Emphasis Program (NEP) to protect workers from indoor and outdoor heat hazards, and will be conducting heat-related workplace inspections. The NEP directive is available at **https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/enforcement/directives/CPL_03-00-024.pdf**.

- **OSHA Targets Online Recordkeeping Submissions:** OSHA has initiated an enforcement program that identifies employers who failed to submit Form 300A injury and illness data through its Injury Tracking Application. The enforcement memo associated with this program is available at **https://www.osha.gov/memos/2022-04-04/ita-non-responder-enforcement-computer-program**.

- **OSHA Proposes Additional Electronic Recordkeeping Submissions:** OSHA has proposed amendments to its recordkeeping regulations that would require certain establishments in certain high-hazards industries to electronically submit additional information from their injury and illness logs, as well as their incident reports. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is available at **https://www. federalregister.gov/documents/2022/03/30/2022-06546/improve-tracking-of-workplace injuries-and-illnesses**.

- **WHO and ILO Issue Health and Safety Telework Brief:** The World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) have issued a new technical brief regarding health and safety for working remotely using information technology, which outlines the health benefits and risks of teleworking and the changes needed to accommodate the shift towards different forms of remote work arrangements. The brief is available for download at **https://www.who.int/publications/i/ item/9789240040977**.

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