



OSHA Auditing: Federal Compliance Guide: Facilities

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highlights of this release

- **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 I Personal Protective Equipment
 - Module J2 Lockout and Tagout
 - Module K Medical and First Aid
 - Module R1 Telecommunications

did you know?

- **OSHA Adopts COVID ETS:** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has adopted a COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) that applies to employers with a total of 100 or more employees at any time when the standard is in effect. However, the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit has stayed the regulation, and multiple lawsuits have been filed in a variety of circuits.
- **OSHA Proposed Rulemaking on Heat Injuries and Illnesses:** OSHA has published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) for Heat Injury and Illness Prevention in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings. The ANPRM is available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/10/27/2021-23250/heat-injury-and-illness-prevention-in-outdoor-and-indoor-work-settings>.
- **New OSHA Assistant Secretary Sworn In:** Douglas L. Parker has been sworn in as the new Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA. Mr. Parker most recently served as chief of California's Division of Occupational Safety and Health.

release notes

please review

- **OSHA Workplace Suicide Prevention Webpage:** Workplace suicides have been on the rise in the construction industry over the past couple of years. In response, and to help prevent further loss of life in the industry, OSHA has created a suicide prevention page, which includes a National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (in English and Spanish) and valuable links to other resources, available at <https://www.osha.gov/preventingsuicides>.



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